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# "SCIENCE"

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It is astonishing to see how much talk there still is about a *"scientific explanation"* of the UFO Phenomenon.

The Phenomenon has been a reality for an ever-growing proportion of mankind since it burst upon their consciousness in 1947. (Which of course does not mean to say that it had never existed here previously to 1947. Maybe it has "always been there", but we simply weren't smart enough to know about it!)

So, since 1947, vast numbers of people have been beavering away with their typewriters and, later, with their word-processors and their computers, churning out reams and reams of articles and scores of books. And what has been the upshot of it all? I have yet to learn of any sure evidence that anybody or any Government has gleaned anything whatsoever about the alien vehicles, about their means of propulsion, or about the source or sources from which they and their occupants come. (It is true that we now know — alas — a very great deal about what the entities are doing to us humans. But this unwelcome knowledge does not seem to have brought any compensating benefits to mankind.)

And so I still say: I see no evidence that we have learned anything *scientific.* Perhaps we ought to bear in mind that the Latin word *"Scientia"* simply means "KNOWLEDGE". AND WHAT WE CALL "SCIENCE" IS *OUR* KNOWLEDGE. UNFORTUNATELY FOR US, WE FIND OURSELVES CONFRONTED BY *SOMEBODY ELSE'S KNOWLEDGE.* And I am left ruminating on the words of Dr J. Allen Hynek who, in the course of an extraordinarily interesting conversation with me which ranged over a whole lot of things far outside the limits of our small and young "Science", had this to say:—

> "If, of course, the 'floor' of *their* science is higher than the 'ceiling' of *our* science, then there may be no possibility of a meeting of minds, and we may get nowhere."

In making such an observation, Allen Hynek was not acting in the least "like a typical American". For one is reminded of the curious fact that the Americans — maybe far more than any other nation — all seem to believe that any problem that exists *is bound to be soluble.* No doubt this simplistic view of things stems in part from the fact that they are such a relatively new and "young" and therefore "optimistic" people. Members of older communities such as those of Asia would be unlikely to view matters in that way, since they know full well, from their long, long histories, that not all problems — whether problems of Man, or problems of this poor Planet of ours — are *necessarily* "soluble" by Man. *(As we are shortly going to see!)*

Had the average American and average European possessed a better grasp of world history and of other cultures (and especially of other *religions*) they might no doubt have developed a far less clouded vision of the "UFO Problem". And the error stems also from the fact that, as soon as the UFO Phenomenon burst upon their consciousness in 1947, it was instantly and automatically accepted by the overwhelming majority of people that, if these UFOs really did exist, then their operators simply *had to be* our own "peers", folk from other planets, and therefore, *ipso facto, they had to be "other human beings, just like us".*

If, as now seems certain, this sort of thinking is a piece of gross folly, and in all probability one that has been deliberately sown in human minds by the alien creatures, then the whole fatuous idea that they are "other human beings who want to meet us" collapses in ruin.

There is in fact not the slightest shred of evidence that any of them are here to "visit with us", or "to meet us". They have doubtless known all about us for ages past, and it may well be that many of them are the true "natives" of this Planet, and were here long before us. *And they are here for their own purposes, and for their own benefit, not for ours. They are not "human beings", but creatures of an entirely different order.*

If we fail to understand this, and still cling to the daft and ridiculous "E.T." theory of "Visitors or tourists from other planets", our peril will only be the greater.

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# AUSTRALIA: ON THE UFO TRAIL: IV

## *By Paul Norman, Vice-President of VUFORS (Victorian UFO Research Society); FSR Consultant*

**For Paul Norman's carefully researched and very important previous articles on the Nullarbor Encounter of the Knowles family, and on related cases in Australia, see FSR 33/2 (June Qr., 1988); FSR 33/4 (December Qr., 1988); and FSR 34/2 (June Qr., 1989). — EDITOR**

During September 1970, I crossed the Nullarbor Plain in Western Australia for the first time. Since then, my visits to the area have been many, stopping off at first one road-house then another. On each and every trip across that interesting desert outback of Australia I have encountered stories of strange lights, of objects and experiences that have occurred to numerous motorists, truck-drivers and bus-drivers, as well as reports from pilots who have flown over the region.

One of the most recent encounters was that of a Pioneer bus-driver and his passengers who were paced for 10 km. Although the object was near ground level and the sky was overcast with no stars visible at that time, the planet Jupiter was the "explanation" put forward by dedicated debunkers. *If true, it was the first recorded appearance of Jupiter below the clouds of Earth.* From this same source debunkers also tried to convince the nation that the right rear tyre of the Knowles' family car had been damaged by running at high speed on the rim. Just how this could be done without battering the rim was not explained. Such debunking attempts coming from this crop of so-called experts is giving them the reputation of the leading

Malfunction Junction in Australia, in second place only to Philip Klass, the chief dedicated debunker in the United States, with his so-called "scientific" investigation of unknown phenomena.

This sort of ridicule prevents innocent and sincere observers from coming forward to report their experiences so that we might learn more about the mystery objects. Usually, the observers do not know enough about the subject to defend themselves, whereas the seasoned Ufologist could dish the ridicule right back into the debunkers' faces.

The Nullarbor Plain has become so interesting to me that as this article is being written (September 1989) I am again on the UFO Trail on the Nullarbor Plain, accompanied by three contacts who are as intrigued with the subject as myself.

### A Question of Water?

Over the years, I have spoken with individuals who are native to the region; especially people who have observed UFOs while out hunting, and others whose occupations have taken them to the area. Many of these reports concerned strange lights not only flying high in the sky but darting about and hovering low over the ground.

**Such reports as these are the primary reason for my current visit, because one of the main features appears to be that some of the objects are hovering over openings in the ground which lead to the vast underground water basin under the Nullarbor Plain.**

There are thousands of reports world-wide, where UFOs are near fresh water sources, which may be the reason more objects are reported from South America than any other continent. This is due to both the isolation and the abundant fresh water supply there, whereas Australia is the driest of our continents, and the water supply is very much restricted. It has come to my attention that the water-levels in dams have dropped during UFO activity over farms; water-tanks have also been emptied while UFOs have hovered overhead.

There must be a reason why so many reports are coming from people who see UFOs hovering over lakes, ponds, and water-tanks. Of course a large amount of water can be taken from large bodies of water *without any fall in the level being noticed. However, the difference in level of small ponds, dams, or tanks, can be readily observed.*

**I would like to hear from witnesses who have observed UFO/water-related incidents. I am sure too many cases exist for it to be classified as coincidental.**

Two of those cases previously mentioned in *The Australian UFO Bulletin* were the White Acres Encounter and the Bundalaguah property activity, where farmers reported an unusually low water-level in the billabongs (pools) located in Eastern Victoria.

About the same time, another dairy farmer watched as a UFO hovered over one of his water-tanks before landing a few metres away from the tanks, leaving a four-metre circle where it had sat on the ground. Although that incident occurred during the same period as the above-mentioned cases, it was nearly two years afterwards before we learned of it. The farmer had previously reported a close encounter, but was ridiculed. He reported the later incident to us after a friend told him of VUFORS whose researchers seriously investigate encounters.

### The Cracked Tank

When Pat Gildea and I arrived for a visit to his farm we noticed cracks in a concrete tank which had been repaired, and asked the farmer for the reason. His reply was that he assumed the initial crack was caused by an earth tremor, *although he knew of no such tremor.* Water was being pumped into the tank, and he was not sure whether or not any water was taken. The damaged tank was later replaced by a new one. (See photo No 1)

Only six months ago VUFORS received another similar report. Although the incident had taken place about the same time, witnesses did not come forward because they feared ridicule. On that occasion the water was taken from a circular trough through a float-valve fed from the adjacent concrete tank which had a sealed top. (See photos 2 and 3)

During the same period, circles were found near other watering-troughs after strange lights had been seen in the same vicinity. We have only recently learned of yet another case; however, witnesses to this event now live in England, and it will be some time before we know the details.

### UFO Activity in Victoria State

In December 1977 and January 1978, dairy farmers in and around Leitchville, Victoria, were buzzed by mysterious lights. We interviewed some of the farmers who had sent us reports (names in VUFORS files). However, those interested proved to be far more than just the few residents of the small town. So many in fact, that VUFORS President Judith Magee and I were requested to give a lecture at the Town Hall. People came from miles around, and from as far away as Echuca, Swan Hill, and Shepparton. The Hall was packed, leaving only standing room. It was decided that a repeat lecture should be given the following night. Later we learned of the reason for the keen interest — many of the farmers who had either been buzzed while irrigating, or had sighted UFOs, or knew of friends and relations who had had experiences but had hesitated to report for fear of ridicule, were eager to know more about the UFOs.

**What was there around that area to attract UFOs? Why, of course, it was the centre of the irrigation system of Northern Victoria!**

### Queensland

Another location that experiences more than average waves of UFO appearances, so many in fact that some of the local residents regard them as "only a part of the scenery", is Tully in Queensland. Tully receives the highest rainfall on the Australian continent.

### "Cigar" over Victoria

Now, the most recent incident, January 1989 at 7.15 a.m. — a large cigar-shaped UFO appeared over a farm located in the Western District of Victoria. The object was described as dull silver in colour. It was observed for about five minutes while stationary over a shed where irrigation pumps were located, and disappeared when the farmer's wife started up her car to go and tell her husband who was working some distance away. This was the same farm where all the water in a small dam disappeared overnight. It was in the same area where a small circular object was seen to merge with a large cigar-shaped UFO while irrigation was in progress.

Just a few days prior to the latest sighting, an empty water-tank went missing from the farm. The tank was found later, three paddocks away, where it had been dropped from the air. Did the Ufonauts think they

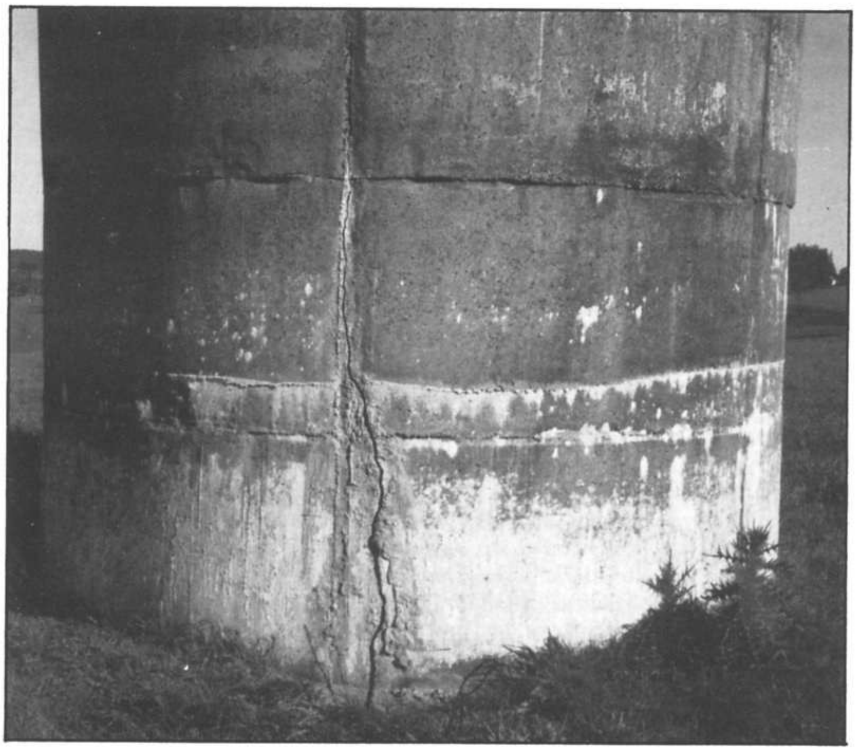

Photo No 1 (left)
The cracked concrete
water tank.

Photo No 2 (right)
The tank in the second
case.

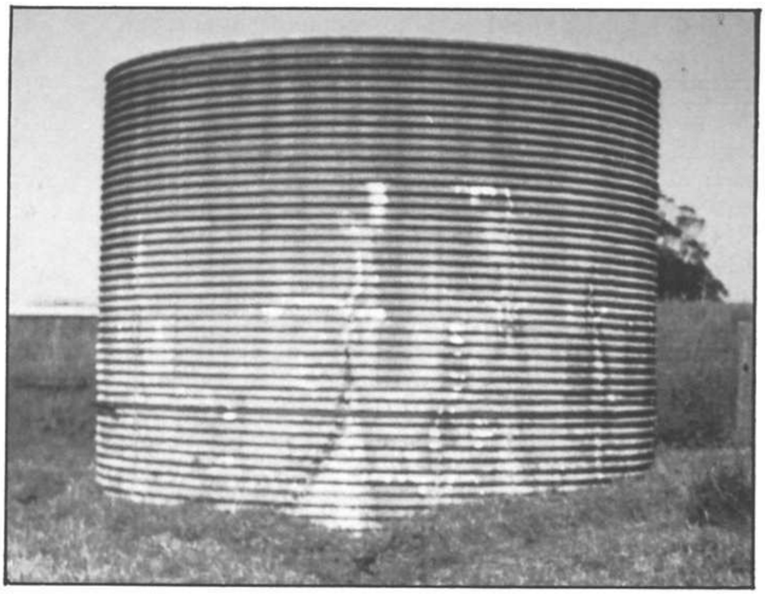

Photo No 3 (below).

were going to draw water from the tank? Can Ufonauts be mistaken? Surely many more cases exist but go unreported because of the ridicule-barrier constructed by arm-chair "experts" and the misinformation from debunkers.

While more research needs to be done, the frequency of UFO/fresh water-related cases is too high to be classed as coincidence, and raises many questions such as: *"Is hydrogen being extracted from the water for some means of propulsion? Is water being taken out of earth's recycling system? Is this the reason Ufonauts are evasive — following the same characteristics of thieves who avoid detection? Are they stealing our water? If so, where are they taking the water?*

### Is Mars the Clue?

It is interesting to note that the latest photos of Mars reveal a large number of dried up river-beds and proves that much water must have once existed on that planet. *How about the "face on Mars"?* Was it artificially carved or is it a natural formation? If artificially constructed, was it left as a memorial to an extinct race? Or are some of them still surviving in an underground "oasis"? Were there once trees, grass, and other plants on Mars, and as the water diminished did greenery cease to become important and the priority shifted to survival?

Recent remarks from individuals associated with the Mars probes have included puzzling comments about certain mysterious structures revealed in Mars photographs. These vague comments have even appeared in science publications such as *"New Scientist"* magazine. Are orthodox scientists beginning to think as Ufologists have been doing for decades?

### "Orthodox Science" Constantly Wrong

Since my early years, when I was taught that the atom could not be split, I have observed that orthodox scientists continue to prove themselves to be wrong. Since I have been involved in UFO research, I have lost much confidence in orthodox scientists. Only a very small percentage of orthodox scientists are of any help to Ufology. The vast majority insist that UFOs are impossible, because their reported manoeuvres are against the laws of physics.

The statement is precisely word for word the same as their forefathers made about the turn of the last century, when they said the airplane was impossible because it was against the laws of physics. The elementary-educated Wright Brothers did not know it could not be done, so they did it.

Carl Sagan refuses to recognize any intelligence unless it first contacts him through his radio telescope, while he ignores the evidence below his dish. He insists that any intelligence that may exist is too far away to reach Earth. He, of course, has heard of Albert Einstein and he, of course, knows of relative time and relativity, but Carl Sagan does not appear to have thought about the practical application of relative time.

**Meanwhile, returning to our theme, does the UFO Trail lead to Mars? Or to beyond?**

### NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

During the almost 35 years of FSR's existence, we have published a lot of reports about possible water-stealing, and about queer and sudden losses of water from lakes and ponds and tanks, etc. I do not have the time to look them all up. But one case I remember well — I think it was about an American reservoir called Lake Titicus (?).

The authority who spent most time thinking about this immensely serious problem was "the late" M.K. Jessup, a fine scholar and scientist whose early death *(by "suicide" of course)* was almost certainly *organized.*

His three books, *UFO* (1955); *The UFO Annual* (1956); and *The Expanding Case For The UFO* (1957), are all of great importance. Jessup has a lot to say about water-stealing, and about the huge tanker-craft which he suspected were carrying off our precious liquid. He also thought and spoke a lot about Mars and the Moon as the possible sources of such craft.

Yes — I feel sure that Jessup got dangerously near to something, and lost his life as a result. And — Yes! — I entirely share Paul Norman's suspicions.

The modern generation of UFO researchers probably know nothing about Jessup or his work, and nothing about this "water problem". This is bound to happen, since human life is so ephemeral — relatively not much longer than the life of a midge. *"As for man, his days are as grass, as a flower . . .* "This is why so much wisdom and knowledge from the past are constantly being lost, and this is why poor old *Homo Sap.* (self-dubbed) has never been able to take a proper look at himself and make a far more realistic appraisal of his own lowly place in the "Cosmic Scheme of Things". — G.C.

### MORE AUSTRALIAN MOTORISTS CHASED BY A UFO

According to reports in the London newspapers of October 8, 1989, amazed motorists in Australia were describing how they had been chased along the road by what seemed *"like a UFO cop car"*!

Said driver Alan Shaehan, of Portland, New South Wales (a few miles north-west of Sydney): "It looked like the beacon on a police patrol car. But it was much brighter. As we watched, it flew horizontally, eastwards, towards the sea!"


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# CORNFIELD CIRCLE REPORTS
# I. AN AMERICAN CORNFIELD CIRCLE

*By Robert E. Reid (Florida)*
*Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret'd.)*

**Our new contributor, Colonel Robert E. Reid, USAF (Ret'd), whom we are very happy to introduce to our readers, is aged 52 and spent more than 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1987 to Florida, where he is extremely active as a MUFON member. He has been greatly involved in the investigations of the extraordinary GULF BREEZE case, and his name will already be familiar to all who have kept abreast of GULF BREEZE in the MUFON JOURNAL, or who have read Donald Ware's chapter on the case in Timothy Good's latest book, THE UFO REPORT 1990.**

**British readers will also be particularly interested to know that, when in the U.S. Air Force, Colonel Reid spent three years stationed at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk — in other words "in Rendlesham Forest territory"! — EDITOR**

PERHAPS, with rumours of typically American "UFO abduction" phenomena now occurring in England, it is only appropriate that the States get a reciprocal share of England's cornfield circles. So far as we know, the modest circle reported here is the first such example recorded in America in recent years. Compared with the artistry of its British cousins this simple whorl is really quite unsophisticated — but then again we all have to begin somewhere.

A primary coincidence in this case is that our swirled circle occurred in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Readers will recognize Gulf Breeze as the sleepy little town on northwest Florida's Gulf Coast where in late 1987 and early '88 "Mr. Ed" took almost 40 photos of high strangeness craft. A lesser included coincidence is the fact that Ed Walters himself helped me photograph and measure the circle. (I just caught the glance and knowing smirk of those of you who persist in chasing the Gulf Breeze hoax hypothesis, but you don't know Ed. No individual is more anxious to find out what is really going on in Gulf Breeze than is Edward Walters.)

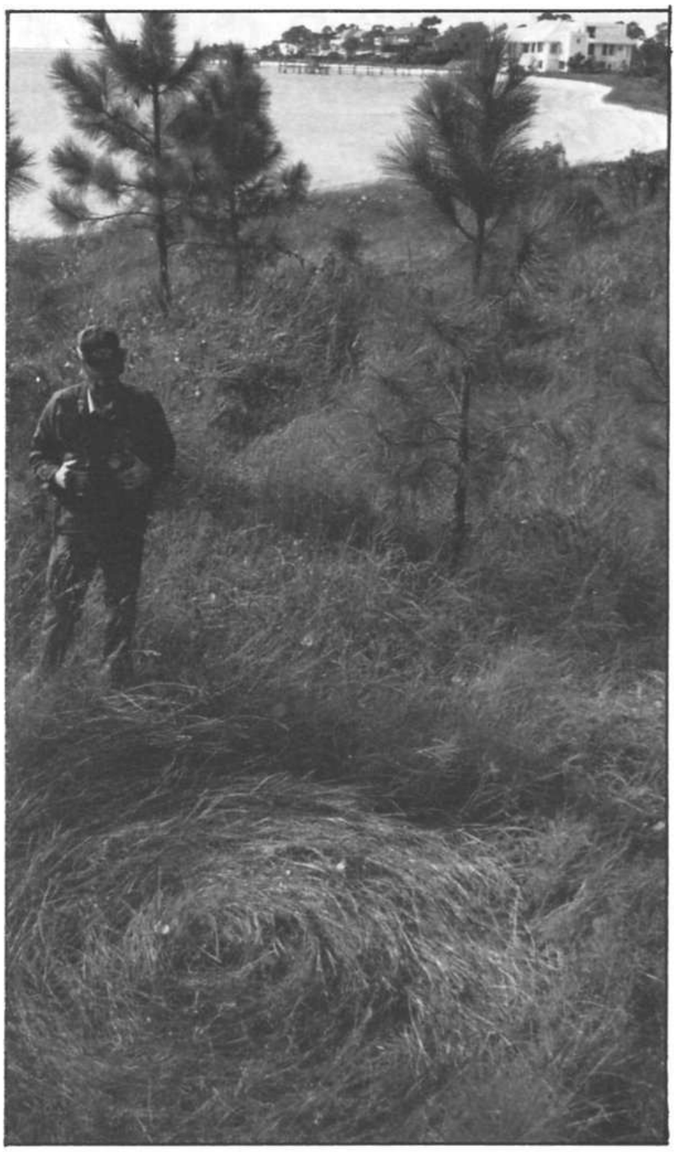
The accompanying photos were taken on the morning of the 17th November 1989. By this time the circle was at least 48 hours old and had weathered the passage of a violent storm front. The person who first found and reported the circle is unknown, but Ed learned of its existence by telephone from a friend who is a television news reporter in Pensacola. The local ABC TV affiliate station had received a telephone call on the morning of the 15th reporting the location of the circle in neighbouring Gulf Breeze, and Mark Curtis had passed the info on to Ed the next day.

Mr. Duane Cook, editor of the local newspaper, accompanied Ed in search of the circle around midday of the 16th. The caller had said it was along an isolated stretch of beach near the western boundary of Shoreline Park (approx. 1/4 mile walking distance from the parking lot), but the men did not find it on their first sweep of the area. It was on the return that Mr. Cook came upon it, while negotiating a grassy swale behind the beach line.

The circle appears uniformly round and measures approximately seven feet, eight inches in diameter (as a further coincidence note that Dr. Bruce Maccabee has calculated the diameter of the base of the craft in Ed's "roadshot" photo at 7 feet, 8 inches). Direction of

**Obscure location of circle.**

Ed Walters examining central whorl (photo by Duane Cooke, Editor "GULF BREEZE SENTINEL).



Ed Walters at circle.

The central whorl.

rotation is clockwise. There was no evidence of disturbance to the soil beneath the circle, and the vegetation did not appear burned or dessicated.

I accompanied Ed on a second visit to the site the next day. We took both still and video cameras and a ladder to help in taking pictures.

While there we attempted to tread out a similar circle in an adjacent stand of beach vegetation. Ed recorded on video as round and round I shuffled, doing my best to duplicate the wallow and thrash of amorous alligators; — we have no hormone-heavy hedgehogs in Florida. The only important thing we learned by this exercise is how difficult it is to make the vegetation lie down and stay where we wanted it to.

This may be a point of serious interest. The beach vegetation in which the circle occurs is a heterogeneous mixture ranging in height from ten to thirty inches, and with several wiry components; some such as smilax, and what I call "spear grass", are especially recalcitrant as regards their prostration potential. I simply could not get them to lie down for even the few minutes we were trying our experiment. However, in the original circle most of the vegetation was still lying down as if it had been "steam-ironed" into place. A violent storm with heavy rain and winds gusting above 50 m.p.h. had passed through the area on the evening of the 15th, — 36 hours before I took these pictures, but several hours after the circle was first reported to *TV-3*. At the time of my photos the circle was amazingly intact, considering what it had been through.

Although Ed Walter's UFO "photo-op" window closed 18 months ago, the Florida Panhandle continues to be a locus of strange activity. UFOs are still being reported at this time of writing (November 20, 1989), but unfortunately nobody seems to be taking pictures these days (— Ed did take two photos of an object seen by a whole group of people attending a MUFON meeting in downtown Pensacola a couple months ago, but that's a different story). No contemporaneous UFO sightings or other anomalous activities have been correlated with the genesis of this odd circle in the American grass.

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# II. AND NOW . . . CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN AUSTRALIA!

## *By Paul Norman, Vice-President, Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS); FSR Consultant*

Mr Max Jolly and his wife Nancee and their 29-year-old son Stuart own the 9000-hectare West Park Farm in the Mallee region of the western part of the Australian State of Victoria. (*"Mallee"* is the aboriginal name of a particular species of scrub-land tree growing plentifully over the region before it was cleared and found suitable for farming — especially for *wheat crops.* ED.)

For about two years past odd things have been happening on the Jolly's farm.

For example, in 1987, they had sightings of *"eerie aerial lights". Then Mrs Jolly discovered that the farmhouse's 4,000 litre water-tank had been totally drained overnight.* To a journalist from the Melbourne newspaper *Weekend Truth* (December 16, 1989) she said: "We haven't a clue what happened. All we know is that someone — or something — took every drop of water."

(In 1981 I investigated several similar cases of seemingly UFO-related "water disappearances". *All were in the northern part of the State of Victoria.*)

**Mrs Nancee Jolly and her son Stuart.**

### A Shattering Noise from the Sky

One night in December 1988 the son, Stuart Jolly, was rudely awakened from his sleep by a shattering noise outside his bedroom window. He told the newspaper: "I thought the racket would puncture my eardrums. It was like the scream of jet engines revving up and down, with the shrilling of thousands of cicadas mixed in!

"My dog would normally have been on the spot, and barking, but he seemed to have shot through.

"I rushed outside, but saw nothing. The racket seemed to be coming from empty sky."

### "Beserk"

In May 1989 the Jolly family experienced an even more bizarre brush with the unknown.

Stuart said: "About 9.00 o'clock one night, I heard a commotion and I went out to see what was happening. The trouble was centred on the sheep-paddock.

"Our 700 ewes and lambs had gone beserk. They were dashing about and bleating in total panic — AND THEN I SAW WHY!!

### "A Huge Yellow Light"

*"Hovering above the paddock was a huge yellow light that seemed to be pulsating.*

"At first I thought someone was spotlighting our sheep, but then I realized that the light was far too big for that.

"Also, it was making a weird, high-pitched noise, like the blades of a helicopter with its engine off and slowing.

"I'd never seen sheep go wild in that way before.

"If a dog had been threatening them, they'd simply

have huddled together, reasonably calm and disciplined. But this mob were stumbling all over the paddock.

"I could see it was the light and noise that were driving them crazy. And it was happening to Brian Finch's wethers too." (Brian Finch is a neighbouring farmer. ED.) "They were clambering over the fence on the next block, desperately trying to get away.

"After a few more minutes of chaos, the light started to move. Foolishly, perhaps, I got into the car to chase it. But before I could start up, it had vanished behind the pine trees."

When, more than an hour later, Stuart's parents Max and Nancee Jolly, arrived home from a meeting, the sheep were still bleating in distress.

### A Stunned Eagle

*"— And they weren't the only victims",* said Nancee. *"We went out with torches — and were amazed to find a wedgetailed eagle, with a wingspan of about two metres, stumbling around the paddock, seemingly in shock. I've never seen a wedgetail walking around on the ground like that. They like to perch up high. But this one seemed totally disoriented. Although it kept flapping its wings in a slow, drunken way, it seemed incapable of lifting off.*

*Something associated with the yellow light seemed to have destroyed its sense of balance. But happily the effect must have finally worn off, because the bird was gone next morning."*

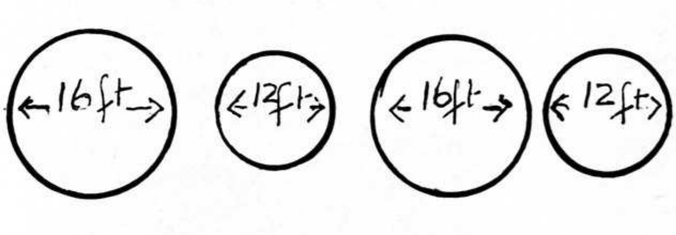
### Other Local Cases

Farmers in the Mallee Wheat Belt are by now accustomed to uncanny intrusions.

Several days after the Jollys' paddock had been buzzed by the UFO, a mysterious light hovered over a dam on the farm of another neighbour of the Jollys — Mrs Aileen Casey.

Mrs Casey stood and watched it for more than 15 minutes before running into the house to alert her husband. But when he came out, the object had vanished.

"I'm scared, but I'm also fascinated", said Mrs Nancee Jolly to the journalist. "The UFO activity around these wheat areas definitely seems to be intensifying. I sometimes have the hunch that we might soon be seeing much more — possibly even an actual craft, landing."



**The four Cornfield Circles at Beulah, Victoria State, a few years ago.**

### "Five Perfect Cornfield Circles"

Finally, to cap it all, in December 1989, a pattern of five perfect circles — in which unbroken wheat stalks whirl anti-clockwise — were found on the Jollys' farm.

The first persons to notice the circles were the Jollys' neighbours, Brian Finch and Austin Grace.

Describing the discovery, Mrs Jolly explained: "Brian Finch and Austin Grace had brought an International Combine Harvester on to our property, to strip wheat. Sitting in an elevated cabin about five metres above the ground, they spotted what everyone else had missed, two large, swirled circles of wheat, about 3 metres in diameter, surrounded by three smaller circles, each about one metre.

"Obviously", she continued, "Something exerting colossal force has set down there. *Outside the circles you can scratch dirt up with your fingers. But inside, the ground is incredibly compressed, like cement.*

*"The wheat appears to be woven, almost like a straw basket. The stalks are quite amazingly undamaged, with the grain fully matured in the heads — which suggests that the landing might have occurred last week."*

### Four Cornfield Circles at Beulah, Victoria

Finally, I would mention that I investigated four cornfield circles, set in a straight line, on a farm at Beulah a few years ago. Two of them were 16 ft. wide and two were 12 ft. wide. (See sketch.)

# III. AND MORE CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN CANADA

According to reports in the newspapers, *Edmonton Journal* (November 4, 1989) and *The Prince George Citizen* (November 7, 1989) there have been more cornfield circles in Canada, so it is evident that the team of student hoaxers from the Wantage School of Art in Berkshire are getting ever further afield in their travels.

In a field of growing hay about 30 kms. north of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, on a farm owned by Ray Crawford, an almost perfect circle six metres in diameter was recently found.

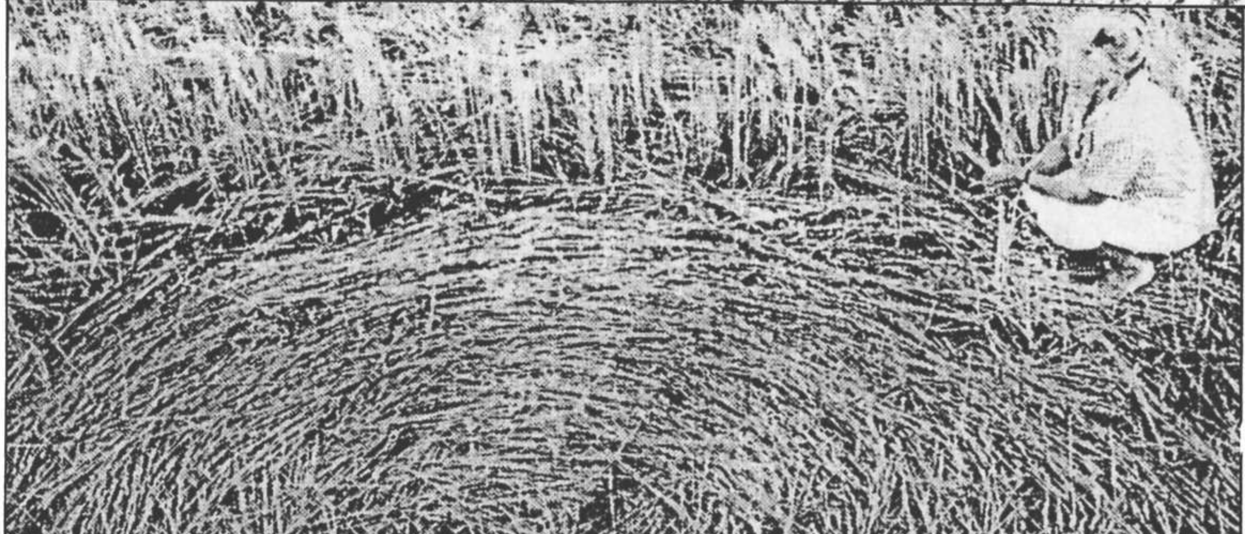
Unexplained crop-circles have also been reported from elsewhere in Manitoba.

"Overlapping rings of swirled grain" were found just south of Riding Mountain National Park in Western Manitoba.

Another case was near Halbstadt in Manitoba, on the Canadian/U.S. border, where a 24-metre circle of dehydrated grain, "accompanied by three depressions looking like the marks of tripods", was discovered in an otherwise healthy field.

*In yet another Manitoba case, a farmer found a near-perfect circle close to a barbed-wire fence which had been partially melted by intense heat.*

Nothing is reported to have been seen in the skies in connection with the latest circle on Ray Crawford's cattle farm, but people in Winnipeg and Langenburg, Saskatchewan Province, have sighted several strange flying objects lately and are convinced that they were "spacecraft".



★ NANCEE Jolly examines a perfect circle of flattened wheat, swirled anti-clockwise. Outside the ring the earth is soft — but inside, it's cement-hard, as though compressed by a colossal force.

# IV. SOME NOTES ON CORNFIELD CIRCLES AT TWO SITES IN LEICESTERSHIRE, (1988 AND 1989)

*By Rita Goold)*

**Mrs Rita Goold, herself a resident of Leicestershire (in Central England) is a noted medium and sensitive, who has taken part in many experiments in various fields of Parapsychology. In particular, she has been closely involved in much of the research into the famous "cornfield circles" in Southern England. — EDITOR**

### [A.] OADBY (June 1988): Lat. 52° 37N., 1° 7W.

In June 1988, just outside Oadby, on the eastern outskirts of the city of Leicester, we investigated a set of circles consisting of one large central "double-ringer" about 75 ft. wide, with three smaller outer circles.

#### The Policeman's Amazing Story

During our investigation at Oadby, I was contacted by a policeman, who said that his childhood home had been directly behind the field where the Oadby circles had appeared.

This man told me that, all through his early life, right up until he was in his teens, *he had a recurring dream about a UFO landing in that very field!* Many a morning, he said, he had awakened to find himself leaning against the sill of the window giving out onto that field. The whole affair had become a sort of standing joke in his family, about his *"little green men".*

*That day, when I first met the policeman, he was looking really ashen, standing on the Oadby circles, because they were on the exact spot where, as he recalled it, the UFO in his recurrent dream had stood!*

Owing to this, and the meaningful coincidence of it all, the policeman teamed up with us in our investigations, and every evening when possible we went to the field together, watching and listening and taking tape recordings.

#### Sounds on the Tapes

It is important to mention our work with the tape-recorders, for what we got on the tapes was quite incredible.

Although our own human ears have never been able to detect any sounds at the Oadby site other than the normal field noises, our tapes registered *"knockings"* and other very strange sounds. We were able to eliminate all the obvious natural sounds, such as wind, or field-mice, etc. We employed several tape-recorders and, at one stage, we walked, with the recorder, from the gate of the field, occasionally speaking into it as we went, slowly towards the circles, and there is no doubt that, around fifty yards from them, *the beating started. And as we got nearer, this beating got louder. It is quite interesting to note that I have played this tape to people who have no knowledge whatever of such matters, and every one of them has said that it is like a heart-beat.*

On one occasion we were playing back a tape when a very clear female voice said: "SLEEP". But this word has since totally vanished from the tape.

Since we made these tape-recordings at Oadby, we have learned that the same sorts of *"knocking noises"* have been captured by the cornfield circles investigators' group at Winchester, in the south of England.

Furthermore, whilst we were at the Oadby circles, *we experienced the disappearance of objects,* and this was on the same evening that identical phenomena were occurring at Winchester!

Moreover it is interesting to note that, when, a year later, a single circle turned up on a hillside at a place called Husbands Bosworth (also in Leicestershire), *this new site was found to be almost precisely nine miles due south of the circles at Oadby!*

### [B.] HUSBANDS BOSWORTH (July 15, 1989): Lat. 52° 27N., Long 1° 03 W.

During my study of this single circle, which was in a field at Honey Pot Farm, I put an article about it in a local newspaper, the *Harborough Mail,* and in the article I requested anyone to come forward who had seen or experienced anything unusual that might be related to the arrival of the circle, and as a result I was contacted by two separate couples of witnesses (each couple totally unknown to the other couple) who, during that same night, and at the same hour, had had remarkable UFO sightings in the vicinity of Honey Pot Farm!

#### The First Couple

These people were in an embarrassing situation and, very unfortunately, it was imperative that their identities and addresses should not be divulged by us. They are a man and a woman (both married to other partners) who were together in a car parked down Honey Pot Lane at around 1.30 a.m. that night. No details will therefore be given as to their names or their addresses.

The sky that night was very clear, and the visibility was excellent. They could see for miles across the countryside. Behind them lay the hillside where the Husbands Bosworth circle was subsequently found. In front of them the land sloped away down towards the east.

#### The "Light"

Suddenly they became aware of a light coming very slowly towards them, getting larger as it approached. Then it stopped. *"It was like a large Rugby football in the sky: a huge white light that had a 'magnesium effect'".* Their description in these words happens to coincide very neatly with the elliptical Husbands Bosworth circle, which has also been likened to the shape of a "rugger" ball, and measured about 42 ft. × 44 ft.

The light continued to hover for about two minutes. They stepped out of the car, and could still hear no noise from the phenomenon, which by now had descended to tree-top level, only a field away from them. It next began to travel towards them again, and they took fright, jumped into the car, and fled.

Describing the episode to us in the clear light of day, they admitted that they had been extremely alarmed. The light had been so large and so bright that they felt somebody else in the village must surely also see it, and might perhaps come down the lane to investigate. Obviously they themselves could not afford to remain there and run the risk of having people see them together. But they cursed their bad luck in not having been able to stay longer and observe the thing.

Since their first telephone call to me, I have met both these people, and I find them very, very credible. (Clearly, for folk in *their* situation, it could not possibly be of any advantage whatsoever to invent such a story. Despite everything, however, they felt that what they had seen was so extraordinary that they simply had to talk to someone about it, and trust that the necessary discretion would be observed as to their identities.)

### The Second Couple, and a Ferris wheel

On the same day I also received a telephone call from a gentleman who lives in that same area, near Honey Pot Lane. Around 1.30 a.m. during that night (July 15), he had been locking up. The back of his house faces towards the site of the cornfield circle, some 1/2 mile distant. As he glanced over in that direction, he was stopped in his tracks by the sight of a huge light in the sky, very white, and stationary. He called his wife, and they both watched this light performing exactly the same movements as the first pair of witnesses had described. However, this second pair of observers watched it for a far longer period of time.

At one point, the light seemed to drop almost to the ground. Then they saw it rise up into the sky again and seemingly to disappear.

At about 2.00 a.m. they finally went upstairs intending to go to bed, but now they saw it again in the sky, and *at the front* of their house. This time, the light of the thing was dimmer, and they could perceive quite clearly *a structure beneath the white light.* They said: *"It looked like a gigantic Ferris Wheel in the sky: a wheel-like structure, with all kinds of cross-members in the middle: it had the appearance of steel, and several lights underneath."*

At this point as they watched, the lady remembered that they had *binoculars* in the wardrobe, so she went and got them, and they viewed the object again with them.

As they were breathlessly relating it all to me, the husband was still very excited. He said: *"I could see right inside that thing! There is no doubt that it was nuts and bolts!"*

They went on watching for some time yet, taking it in turns to use the binoculars. Then the husband suddenly bethought himself that he also possessed a *camera,* and that it was already loaded, so he rushed downstairs to get it, as the whole craft now seemed to be dimming.

He managed to take two photographs, and felt sure that they would provide even more detail. I have seen these pictures, and they show a "steely-looking rim", top and bottom, but the rest of the object seems to have *dematerialized* (?) (There was no Crescent Moon that night.)

### The "Haunted Field"

Finally, while I was investigating this case at Husbands Bosworth, I also received a telephone call from the elderly lady who owns the land in question. And what she told me was astounding.

She said that, in her childhood, nearly seventy years ago, the local children were always forbidden to go anywhere near that field after nightfall, *as there were stories of "fairy sightings" there, and of weird noises heard coming from that field. "The Little People"* — she told us — *"were often seen there, but had not been observed for many years now".*

Understandably, I was most interested to learn that *"noises"* were associated with the Husbands Bosworth field, in view of our previous experience of noises at the Oadby circles!

To date, however, the Husbands Bosworth circle has yielded no *"knockings"* or *"noises"* on our tapes.

We have held several "Watches" at Husbands Bosworth, but nothing further appears to have been witnessed or experienced or reported there.

(As regards the earlier case at Oadby, there really is a very strange sequel to that. But it will have to be the subject of another article.)

# V. "A FERRIS WHEEL IN THE SKY"

*By Rita Goold and Steve Goold*

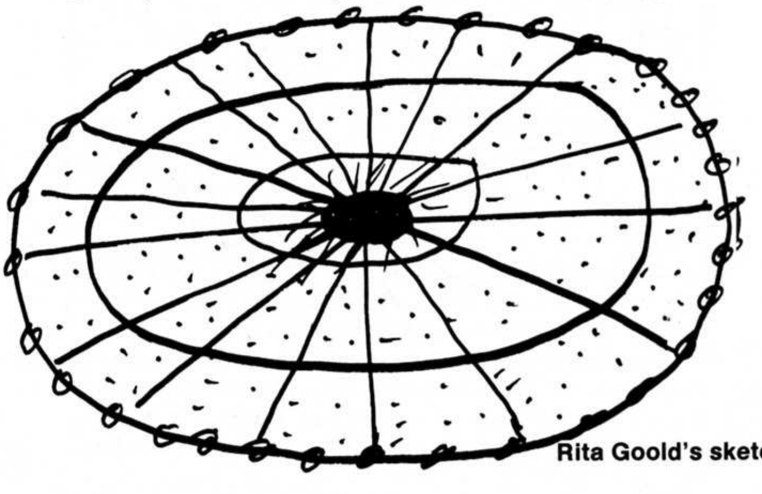
**Mrs Rita Goold is the author of the preceding article, *"Some Notes On Cornfield Circles at Two Sites in Leicestershire (1988 and 1989)".* Her Husband, Mr Steve Goold, holds a managerial post with an important firm in the Midlands. — EDITOR**

On the night of September 21, 1986, we were driving southwards on the *M1* motorway, and approaching *Junction 22,* which would mean that we were nearing Markfield, in the western part of Leicestershire. (Our position would have been at about Lat. 52° 40 N., Long. 1° 16 W.)

The time was 7.45 p.m., and traffic on the motorway was naturally extremely busy.

Steve, who was driving, noticed some lights, which dipped away to the right of us (i.e. westwards), and he asked me to "look out for them", as his attention was concentrated on the road.

Then suddenly, without further warning, from right



**Rita Goold's sketch.**

to left, across the motorway in front of us, came an immense *"wheel"*. It was so large that it spanned both carriageways.

Ahead of us the brake lights of every car came on, and traffic slowed almost to a halt. There was no doubt whatsoever that everybody had seen that *"wheel"* in the sky!

It looked exactly like a "Ferris Wheel" at a fair — except that it was *not rolling "on its rim", as a Ferris Wheel would do. Instead, it was travelling in a horizontal plane, like a plate above us, and spinning as it went.* (See my sketch.)

The whole *"Wheel"* had coloured lights. I know of no craft that would have acted in such a fashion, or have been of that shape. Its trajectory was downwards, and it duly went down out of sight behind the left-hand bank of the Motorway. (Being on the Motorway ourselves we naturally could not stop to investigate.)

On the right-hand (western) side of the road, from which direction it had come, there is a large quarry, the centre of which is filled with water. We did not, of course, see it emerge from there; we only saw it in the sky above us. But it may be of interest or importance to mention the large quarry, in view of the known fact that many UFOs have been sighted around that area.

I have since had an opportunity to look at the field into which the thing might have dropped, or very close to where it might have dropped. *There are wheatfields there,* but I have no idea what crops were planted there at that time (September 21). The harvest that year was a late one, because the weather had not been good.

(I mention the matter of wheatfields in view of the definite possibility — as asserted by some — that the "Ferris Wheel Phenomenon" is associated in some way with our cornfield circles.)

*The object that we both saw definitely looked like a nuts-and-bolts structure,* and, whatever it was, anything or anybody inside it must have known that all the people in the cars on the Motorway must have seen it. It might have caused a massive pile-up of vehicles on the road. (Was that the intention, I wonder? . . .)

# VI. AND . . . AN EARLIER "FERRIS WHEEL" SEEN FLYING OVER THE DOWNS NEAR WINCHESTER DURING THE NIGHT OF JULY 6, 1985

*Gordon Creighton*

FOR details of this case, I would refer readers to the important article by Mr Colin Andrews which we published in FSR 32/6 (1987) under the title: CIRCLES IN THE CORN: STRONG EVIDENCE OF A "UFO CONNECTION".

From page 10 I quote:–

'I give below an extract from their story as it appeared in the newspaper *Southampton Reporter* for July 19, 1985:–

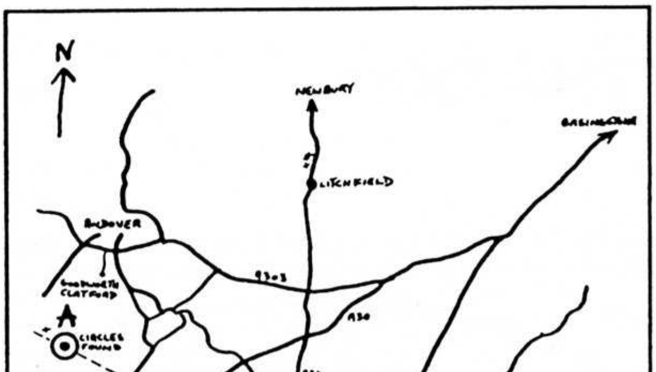
"Shaken pensioners Jack and Pat Collins spotted a brilliantly-lit object hovering over desolate downland as they drove home at night.

"Jack, of Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, described it as *'a perfect circle'*.

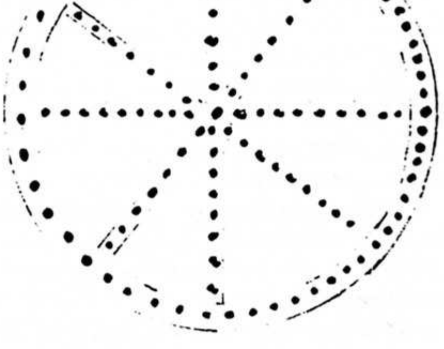
*"And Pat added: 'It was a huge circular thing, and it was divided out like the spokes of a wheel. Around the outside of it there were very bright lights like huge light-bulbs, and other lights in the sections. It was so bright — like something out of a fair-ground".*

Jack, who was driving the car, put his foot down when he spotted it hovering about thirty feet above the open fields.

The couple were so shocked at seeing the fiery circle that they called the Police.'




Mr Colin Andrews subsequently interviewed Mr and Mrs Collins, and got them to make this sketch for him. It was included in our Report in FSR 32/6.



# VII. YET ANOTHER POSSIBLE "FERRIS WHEEL" IN THE SKY?

ON page 2 of FSR 33/4 (December 1988) we published the fine article DID AVEBURY UFO PRODUCE THE SILBURY HILL CORN CIRCLES? by FSR Consultant George Wingfield, and it is suggested that readers take another look at it in connection with the *"Ferris Wheel"* train of thought.

The highlight of that article, as readers will recall, was the interview with Miss Mary Freeman regarding the *great glowing phenomenon* that she had seen in the sky on the evening of July 13, 1988, as she drove through the middle of the Great Stone Circle at Avebury, just before the huge cluster of cornfield circles was found close by.

Miss Freeman says nothing in her statement about a *"wheel"*, or a *"Ferris Wheel"*. Nor does she seem to indicate that what she saw was spinning or rotating. However, it may perhaps be legitimate to speculate that this lady too may have seen a "Ferris Wheel"?

Let it be clear that nobody is suggesting that huge UFOs resembling "Ferris Wheels" land in cornfields.

What *is* however possible — particularly in view of the features of Miss Mary Freeman's sighting at Avebury — is that huge UFOs resembling "Ferris Wheels" may project "energy" or "light" beams (assuredly no kind of "light" or "energy" such as is known to us) down onto the crops of corn or other plants, thereby producing the "circles" which have aroused so much interest in recent years. — G.C.

# VIII. THE FOURTH DIMENSION (. . . AND BEYOND?)

## *By Wing-Commander A. Cecil Harper, M.A., R.A.F. (Ret'd). FSR Consultant*

**In its issue of July 20, 1989, the local newspaper *Forest Reporter*, published in Southampton, Hampshire, carried a brief item on the various current theories about the cornfield circles, along with a couple of letters on the same subject.**

**One of these letters, which we reproduce below, is an interesting contribution from our Colleague and FSR Consultant Wing-Commander Harper. — EDITOR**

Dear Sir, — The Ministry of Defence have stated, after their investigations, that they have no concrete opinions on the circles.

The Ministry of Agriculture are talking nonsense stating that "whirlwinds" are probably the cause. They would not cause large regular circles with another circle around them, and in some cases with four smaller circles equidistantly around the large one.

These circles are found in many countries around the world. I wonder if the known ley lines have anything to do with some of the circles, as some of them seem to have some sort of "electrical" power involved.

The *fourth dimension,* of which we know very little, may be nearer the mark. This covers the fact that the property of bodies to solids is as solids are to surfaces.

We only see things which are visual, not things that may exist. They are a problem.

I suggest that anyone who is interested in this subject should read the book "CIRCULAR EVIDENCE",* just published.

Yours faithfully,
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* (Published by Bloomsbury Press, London, price £13.95. ORDER THROUGH A BOOKSELLER! EDITOR.)

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# THE EXPERT

## *Gordon Creighton*

SPEAKING on a programme in February, one of Britain's major ignoramuses, posing as an expert on Ufology in Russia, said that there had never been any Russian reports of sightings of, or encounters with, small UFO entities, but only of giant creatures, whereas the USA and Britain had only small ones.

There have always been Russian reports of small creatures as well as large ones. And among the six or eight Russian landing reports which I received in the summer and autumn of 1989 from a leading Russian UFO investigation group, and which I am now translating, there are several that relate quite emphatically to *small creatures.*

# FOLLOW-UP ON THE LANDINGS AT VORONEZH (RUSSIA)

*Gordon Creighton*

On page 6 of FSR 34/4, in the article THE UFO LANDINGS AT VORONEZH, we mentioned the very curious report that some of the Soviet children had allegedly seen a craft bearing the "UMMO" sign ( ) so well known to us all from Spain and elsewhere. Older FSR readers will recall that these alleged aliens who have bombarded Ufologists in various European countries, for a number of years past, with missives in various languages, claim to have first landed on the Planet OOYAAGA (EARTH) at La Javie in south-eastern France on March 28, 1950.

We have already now secured a clearer reproduction of the sketch allegedly made by one of the children who observed the landings at Voronezh, and here it is. We understand that this sketch was shown in the Soviet TV programme which went out on the evening of October 11, 1989. Two of the schoolchildren witnesses appeared in the programme, and their sketches were shown, but we do not know which of them made this particular sketch.

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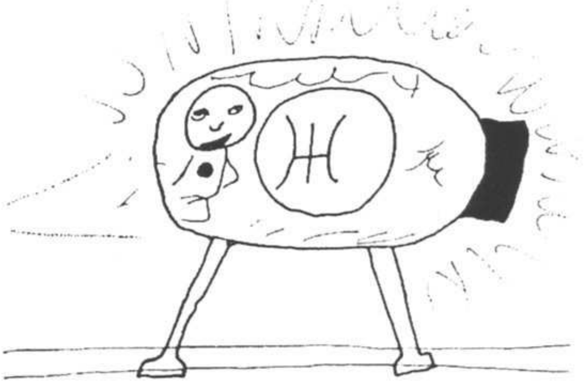

(Readers may be surprised to hear that the "UMMO Phenomenon" still chunters on. For example, I have today received another letter neatly signed in UMMO hieroglyphics, from their representatives here. Normally the Ummites like to address a recipient in that recipient's own tongue. I do have a very good knowledge of Italian, but I wonder whether it does not indicate a certain degree of inefficiency in their operations, since this particular letter to me is in this language? I have had previous missives from them in *English.*) G.C. February 12, 1990.

## MORE COMING ON RUSSIA

Throughout the entire world, in accordance with their standing instructions, the Lying News Media (the *"Mendacious Brigade"* as we prefer to call them) have concentrated their efforts on showing that the report of the UFO landing of September 27, 1989, at Voronezh, with which we dealt at some length in our last issue (FSR 34/4), was in any case a hoax, and that no other UFO landing accounts came out of Russia last year.

Our next issue, FSR 35/2, will contain voluminous further material that is likely to be a real "eye-opener". The translation of more than 100 pages (A4 size) of closely typewritten reports from the directing members of one of Russia's most active UFO investigation groups has meant many days of work, and our final product will necessarily have to be a very concentrated *résumé* of all that is essential. — EDITOR

# COWS' BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS FOR HUMANS?

*Gordon Creighton*

In FSR 34/1 (March Qr., 1989) I published the article by the California writer B.-W.-L.-, AIDS ... AND THE UFO CONNECTION: A POSSIBLE PLAN FOR GENOCIDE?, and in my Footnote No. 2 thereto, as well as in the Stop Press Section of FSR 33/3, I mentioned that Dr. James Womack of Texas A. and M. University had shown from his researches that *"big chunks of cattle chromosomes are identical with large sections of human chromosomes"*.

Like everything else that we publish in FSR, this piece of news was greeted with guffaws from the vast audience of those who KNOW BETTER ...

It was consequently with considerable interest that I took note of the following report by Mr Roger Highfield, Science Editor of the prestigious London newspaper, the *Daily Telegraph:*

*Daily Telegraph,*
*Sat., October 7, 1989.*

**Cows' Blood Transfusions for Humans to be Tested.**

**By Roger Highfield, Science Editor**

The first trials of animal blood as a substitute for human blood are about to start in the United States.

Cows' blood, or rather the oxygen-carrying part of it, is one of several substances under development by biotechnology firms seeking a safe and clean substitute for human blood.

Doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital have applied to the Food and Drug Administration for approval to begin experiments this autumn on healthy human volunteers.

They want to see if bovine blood transfusions are safe, following encouraging results of toxicity tests performed on dogs. Approval for the human tests is expected in the next month.

Mr Carl Rausch, head of Biopure, the Boston-based company that produces the purified cows' blood, said: "Everybody says you can't give cows' blood to a human.

"But we are talking about just the oxygen transport medium, which is haemoglobin."

Ordinarily, blood cannot be swapped between humans and other creatures because it is rejected as a foreign substance.

But Biopure has found a way to produce highly-purified haemoglobin, which is similar among creatures.

Diluted with a solution of salts, it makes a scarlet blood that is runnier than water.

In three years of tests, animals showed no adverse reaction to cow haemoglobin, even when it replaced 95 per cent of their own blood.

Northfield Labs, in Illinois, and Baxter Travenol, in New Jersey, among others, are developing red cell substitutes from expired human blood. Green Cross, in Japan, has made a flurocarbon-based synthetic molecule that can carry oxygen, and Somatagen, in Colorado, is attempting to make human haemoglobin through gene splicing.

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# THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUFON (MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, INC.)

**In the period since the much regretted demise of Jim and Coral Lorenzen's APRO in 1988, by far the most important development in the field of UFO investigation in the U.S.A. has been the steady growth and development of MUFON, with its headquarters based at Seguin, Texas.**

**Their achievements are well set out in the following article by their Director, which appeared in MUFON UFO JOURNAL No. 259 (November 1989):–**

**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**
**By Walt Andrus**

**Journal Objectives**

At the Editor's request, numerous readers have personally suggested improvements to the Journal. Obviously, their diversified opinions cannot be incorporated into every issue. However, this is your magazine and the ideas of our readers are appreciated. Considering the multitude of different interests by our 2200 member/subscribers and wide range of educational backgrounds and experience levels, it is difficult to appeal to everyone simultaneously. The single factor that we can all agree upon, that unites all readers, is our common interest in the UFO enigma and the quest to solve the greatest mystery of the Space Age.

Speaking as the International Director and Associate Editor of the MUFON UFO Journal, I will attempt to address the objectives as I perceive them. We are all cognizant that the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) is international in scope, therefore we cannot be geographically orientated toward any specific nation in the published articles or editorial philosophy. The Journal has earned the reputation as the world's leading monthly UFO organization magazine. This recognition challenges the editors and writers to continuous improvement and dedication in the future to maintain this enviable position.

Since the Journal is a monthly magazine, it can be more current with UFO news, reports, conference announcements, publications, book releases, etc., than bi-monthly or quarterly UFO publications. We are limited only by the logistics of composing, publishing and mailing. Specifically, the Journal is our major communication medium with our members as it re-

lates to Ufology worldwide. State Directors are encouraged to publish statewide newsletters to customize local UFO reports, activities and news. The Journal has grown from a regional mimeographed newsletter titled *SKYLOOK* in 1967, to a typeset and offset printed magazine rivalling others in the scientific field.

### What Journal Is Not

Even though the MUFON UFO Journal represents the Mutual UFO Network, it is not a magazine wherein we talk to each other as "believers". While not devoted entirely to UFO sighting reports, it stresses the best cases that have been thoroughly investigated and reported by trained field investigators. The Journal may contain articles exploring all facets of the UFO phenomenon, although it is not a vehicle for the debunkers to vent their negative thoughts and destructive verbiage. It is definitely not a *"New Age"* publication dealing with crystals, pyramids, chanelling, etc. Such ads for trinkets, gadgets, publications, etc. have no place in a scientific scholarly publication. The Journal is not a news-stand magazine, nor will it ever be.

### Editorial Veracity

Since the MUFON UFO Journal is the voice of the Mutual UFO Network, the Editor and Associate screen all articles for content and appropriateness. Submitted articles and illustrations have been rejected on occasion when they were not in good taste or acceptable for a "family calibre" magazine. When we are dealing with what many people consider a controversial subject, some articles may seem offensive to certain readers because the article contents do not necessarily agree with their own personal philosophy or hypothesis. If we are to solve the UFO phenomenon in our lifetime, however, we must maintain an open mind as true scientists to various theories and hypotheses.

Members and even non-members seem to feel that if they submit an article or a "letter to the editor" the Journal is obligated to publish it regardless of content or quality. One self-styled ufologist even demanded that the editor "guaranteed in concrete" that his controversial article would be published before it was ever written. Obviously this is absurd.

### Comments

There are numerous professional-calibre organizational magazines being published worldwide, which MUFON highly recommends, provided the reader is fluent in the publication's language. *International UFO Reporter, Flying Saucer Review* and the new BUFORA publication, *UFO Times* are recommended English language magazines. *UFO* and *UFO Universe* are available news-stand magazines in the U.S.A.

Dennis Stacy, the Editor of the MUFON UFO Journal, has not only achieved the professional stature in Ufology of editors such as Gordon Creighton, Charles Bowen, Richard H. Hall and Jerome Clark, but has the potential to surpass each of them with the readers' support. Mr Stacy can be only as good as the quality of articles submitted for publication. Every member or ufologist can control the future and destiny of the MUFON UFO Journal. Do you personally accept this challenge?

### Walters' New Book

*The Gulf Breeze Sightings: The Most Astounding Multiple Sightings of UFOs in U.S. History,* by Edward and Francis Walters, will be released in hardback on March 19, 1990, by William Morrow Company (New York). The foreword is by Budd Hopkins and the photo analysis by Bruce S. Maccabee, Ph.D. Statements by Donald M. Ware and Walter H. Andrus Jr. are included in the text. A large number of the photographs will be published in colour. Galley proofs have been submitted for corrections to those involved by the publisher. Lori Ames, Director of Publicity for William Morrow Company, advises that the photos will not be released for publicity purposes before publication of the book. At the urging of Edward Walters, the publishers have obtained an independent computer-enhanced study of the photographs to document their authenticity.

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# THE OFFICIAL "NOTES" ON UFOs ISSUED BY THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES

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***(Translation from Spanish)***

For the past twenty years the Spanish powers-that-be have *accepted* the presence, in our skies, of strange flying objects, and although they do not admit it categorically and officially, there can be no doubt as to the existence of this opinion in the minds of the very highest military circles of our country.

This assertion is made upon the basis of an examination of the *Notes*, of an official character, and relating to the UFO Phenomenon, which have so far been issued by the authorities. As these *Notes* are little known to the public, we shall give below a résumé of the actual texts of them:-

1. *March 16, 1968.* Informative Note. From the Press Office of the Air Ministry (Madrid).
   Arising from the reports published in the press to the effect that a UFO had followed the SPANTAX Company's aircraft which made the flight Las Palmas (Canary Isles) — Villa Cisneros (Spanish Sahara) on March 14, the Ministry states that, shortly before landing, the pilot observed a strange light in the sky. The control-tower reported having no knowledge of the presence of any other aircraft in the Zone. When the pilot had taken off for his return flight to Las Palmas, the control-tower reported that the light was on the starboard side of the aircraft, and the pilot confirmed this. The Ministry has established that "there were no other abnormalities during the flight, nor was there the slightest alarm aboard the aircraft."
2. *September 6, 1968.* Informative Note. From the Press Office of the Air Ministry (Madrid).
   With reference to the matter of the UFO seen yesterday evening in the sky over Madrid, the Minis-

try states that, on the morning of September 5, military radar installations nos. 1 and 2 detected, at an altitude of 25,000 metres, over Barahona (Province of Soria), an object travelling from north-east to south-west at a speed of 15 kms.p.h. The pilots of two military aircraft, an F-104 *Starfighter* and a T-33 *Shooting Star*, who were engaged in an exercise in simulated aerial interception, observed the object at a great height above them, and described it as "like a tetrahedron with three bright spheres on its under-part". The Note adds that, in the evening, military radar installation no. 2 again detected the object, for half an hour, flying on a south-westerly course at an altitude of some 30,000 metres. The Note concludes with the statement: "It seems it may have been a meteorological sonde balloon for the study of the lower mesosphere".

3. *December 5, 1968.* Informative Note. From the Press Office of the Air Ministry (Madrid).
With reference to the publication in the press of reports of the appearance of UFOs in Spanish airspace, the Ministry "requests all members of the public who observe them to inform the nearest Air Force authorities (Air Regions and Air Zones, Air Sectors, or Air Commands) or the local authorities, so that the requisite investigations may be effected." The Note adds that the Air Force possesses a radar network which detects any object in the national air-space that produces an echo, and states that, so far, the UFOs seen by members of the public "have all proved to be meteorological sondes or aircraft in flight."

4. *April 10, 1969.* From the Press Office of the Air Ministry (Madrid).
We publish herewith the complete extract of the official report which the Ministry ordered to be made on the aerial phenomenon observed on February 25 by the crew of an Iberia Air Line aircraft on a night-flight between Palma de Mallorca (Balearic Islands) and Madrid. In the report in question, the Air Force Judge-Informant, after a close interrogation of the pilots and a study of the case, concludes that "the most likely hypothesis is that the strange object could be identified as the planet Venus".

5. *October 21, 1970.* Informative Note. From the Press Office of the Air Ministry (Madrid).
The public are hereby notified that between now and October 30, "it is planned that a series of calibrations will be carried out at the Robledo de Chavela space establishment (Madrid) in the course of which an aircraft fitted with a powerful light will take part in the trials involving night-flights." This notice is being issued "because on previous occasions these trials have caused some individuals to mistake that aircraft for a UFO".

6. *January 8, 1975.* Informative Note. From the Press Office of the Third Air Region (Zaragoza).
In view of the report of an alleged landing by a UFO on the Air Force Target Range at Las Bardenas Reales during the night of January 2, we hereby inform you that, after the requisite investigations, "no proof whatever has been found such as could lead to the belief that UFOs had flown low over the range or had landed there". The Note then goes on to declare that "*the lights and flashes seen at low altitude over that place were the result of optical effects produced by the halo around the Moon and by the light of the stars seen through the mist that intermittently covered the zone.*"

7. *January 8, 1975.* Informative Note. From the Press Office of the Headquarters of the VIth. Military Region (Burgos).
It is officially confirmed that in the early morning of January 1, four soldiers from the Military Engineering Academy who were travelling by car to the Academy, observed, in the vicinity of Quintanaortuño (Burgos) "what looked like a craft shaped like a very flattened cone, with an extremely powerful yellowish-white light, landing or hanging suspended at a height of a few metres from the ground". The report adds furthermore that "they saw lights on this first craft go out, and then, in succession, they saw as many as four more lights, several metres apart, come on, one after the other, shining down towards the ground". The Note ends by stating that other people also witnessed the event.

8. *August 26, 1975.* Informative Note. From the Canary Islands Air Zone (Las Palmas).
A repetition of the Note issued by the Air Ministry on December 5, 1968 (i.e. No. 3 above), this time directed to the inhabitants of the Canary Islands.

9. *September 29, 1977.* Informative Note. From the Third Section of the Headquarters of the IIIrd. Air Region (Zaragoza).
The public are reminded of the Air Ministry's communiqué of December 5, 1968, and the Note states that "On December 31, 1968 the Headquarters of the Air Force established certain Norms of conduct for the personnel of its establishments in connection with the subject of UFOs. In the Norms in question it is stated specifically that "when any person gives notification in writing to the Air Force authority regarding the supposed appearance of a UFO, a report shall be made about it", and that "if a positive reason exists that permits the UFO hypothesis to be ruled out, then the Judge-Informant is to notify the person who made the report – for that individual's own peace of mind – that the object observed by him was *not a UFO*."

10. *October 13, 1977.* Circular No. 147. From the Provincial Government of Barcelona.
The population are once again reminded of the Note of December 5, 1968, and also of the Norms concerning UFOs issued on December 31, 1968, by the Air Ministry. In conclusion, comes a request for the collaboration of the Mayors of the various City Councils of the Province, "in view of the obvious interest of the Ministry of Defence in becoming acquainted at all times with any reports on matters connected with this subject".

11. *November 14, 1979.* Press Notice. From the Under-Secretariat for Civil Aviation (Madrid).
It is stated officially that the *Super Caravelle* aircraft of the TAE Company which put down at Manises (Valencia) on the night of November 11 owing to the presence of a UFO nearby, "landed due to the presence of an unknown obstacle". The Notice adds that "the cause was not technical, the aircraft being in perfect condition before, during, and after the flight".

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Now, a brief analysis of the chronology set forth above yields the following conclusions:-

A) It should be emphasised that some of the *Notes* that make reference to actual cases of UFO sightings do not give a precisely accurate picture of the real course of events. And in other cases, the Note is utilized to convey the *explanation* – whether of a

natural or a conventional character – which the authorities have found for the phenomenon reported. All of which gives one the impression of an intention to tone down the events so as to avoid alarm among the public. *When the official investigators find no explanation for an occurrence, the latter is not divulged, and silence is maintained about it.*

B) Most of the *Notes* were published by the Air Force, the body charged with the task of serving as the centre for all study of the UFO problem. The other Government bodies issue statements only very rarely, or not at all.

C) Up until the mid-1970s, the Air Force provided reports, more or less open ones, on actual cases of presumed sightings of UFOs. After that, the provision of information gradually became less and less, leading finally to total suppression.

D) The authorities almost never put out a *Note* on their own initiative. A happening takes place, and the official reaction is produced. We have, thus, a situation of *cause*-and-*effect*.

E) In extreme cases, following the wide publicity acquired by a potential UFO case, the Air Force and the Ministry of Defence confine themselves to declaring, always semi-officially or "off-the-record", that the obligatory investigation is of course under way, the results of which, however, cannot be revealed because the matter is "confidential".

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COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR.

I do not know whether our Spanish Consultant Sr. J. Plana Crivillén realizes this, but almost all of the material given above was already included by him in the larger report, *The Attitude of the Spanish Authorities Towards the UFOs*, compiled by himself in collaboration with V.J. Ballester-Olmos and J.A. Fernández Peris and translated by me and published by me in FSR 32/3 (April 1987). However, in view of the great importance of all these statements from the Spanish authorities it is well worth while for us to publish this further article. (Incidentally, thanks to the work of Ballester-Olmos, Fernández Peris and Plana Crivillén we now possess a fuller and better documentation on Spanish official attitudes towards the UFO Problem than we have seen from any other country!)

Items 6 and 7 in this latest list of Spanish official pronouncements indicate "sensitivity" [!] about two highly interesting cases which, as it so happens, we have already dealt with in FSR at some length almost *fifteen years ago.* Item No. 6 relates to the report of an actual UFO landing, in the night of January 1-2, 1975, right on a target range, used by both the Spanish and the U.S. Air Forces, at Las Bardenas Reales, a secluded and desolate area lying on the banks of the river Ebro in northern Spain. (We dealt with it in articles in FSR 20/5, published in March 1975, and 24/5, published in March 1979.)

Item No.7 concerns an even "hotter potato" – a case in which several Spanish soldiers, as well as other people, had a close view of a UFO either landing or hovering very low near Burgos, north-central Spain, only a few hours earlier, namely in the small hours of January 1, 1975. (Las Bardenas Reales and Burgos are not at all far apart.)

We covered that case in a very full account by Pere Redon, translated by me and published in FSR 23/2 (August 1977).

In the article below, *The Uses of Mist and Fog,* I have thought it well worthwhile to reproduce the full texts of those three reports – now long out of print – from FSR 20/5, 23/2, and 24/5. Because they indicate very plainly why the Spanish Army and the Spanish Air Force should have deemed it necessary to devote so much energy to the debunking and "defusing" of these two highly explosive and dangerous cases! It is our earnest hope that every one of our readers will fully appreciate – and pause to savour – the spectacle of the Moon and the Stars on high shining down "*through the mist that intermittently covered the zone*", and making local Navarrese country oafs and bumpkins imagine that they were seeing UFOs on the firing-range!

Note carefully, dear Reader, the introduction here – for the very first time in this affair of Las Bardenas – of these words "*through the mist*". For, if you also study carefully my article "*UFO Lands on Spanish Air Force Target Range*", which appeared in FSR 24/5 (March 1979), you will see that the statement issued by the Press Officer of the Spanish Air Force's Third Zone says nothing whatsoever about "*mist*" (and I made a very careful translation) but confined himself to explaining that the silly "UFO story" was "*due to the optical effects caused by the Moon's halo*".

But, as I went on to report, the sad fact is that the Spanish journalist J.J. Benítez had thrown some uncomfortable light upon this case in his article "*There Are Official Proofs: Documents From Our Government Recognize Twelve Cases of 'Unidentified Flying Objects*", which had appeared in the Spanish magazine "*Personas*", No. 166 (January 8, 1977). In the article, Benítez said he had discovered that on the night of January 2, 1975, several Air Force privates, a sergeant, and two poachers (civilians) had been in the Arguedas – Tudela area, within the actual limits of the Air Force Firing-Range, *and had seen NOT MERELY ONE UFO but SEVERAL UFOs* land in the target-zone.

According to the sergeant's statement, he was on duty that night, and at 11.00 p.m. he had received a phone call from the operator saying that there were moving lights above the target-range. He took binoculars, and from a hillock, observed one UFO, shaped like an inverted cup, with white lights on its upper and lower parts and intermittently white and amber lights on its sides. It had remained on the soil of the firing-range for about half an hour, departing at 11.25 p.m. *He said the weather conditions that night were fine and clear, there were no clouds, and the outlines of the nearby mountain ranges stood out sharply. He detected no sound from the UFO. When the object took off, he said its course was at first northwards, but when it reached a point level with the second surveillance tower it began to climb steeply and veered off to the north-east and was quickly lost to sight.*

*While the UFO was in flight above the firing-range a powerful light on its underside was directed downwards and lit up the whole area around about.*

*The accounts given by the other enlisted men (who were on duty on the look-out towers) bore out the statement of the sergeant. The best view of the UFO was secured by those on the main tower as it climbed past them.*

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NO "MIST" OR FOG, THEN, "INTERMITTENTLY COVERING THE ZONE"! THAT IS TO SAY – NO FOG EXCEPT FOR THE FOG DELIBERATELY INTRODUCED INTO THE CASE LATER BY THE SPANISH AIR AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES!

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# THE USES OF MIST AND FOG

*Gordon Creighton*

**Case 1. The landing on the target-range at Las Bardenas Reales, Spain (night of January 2, 1975).**

[A] EXTRACTS FROM FSR 20/5 (published March 1975).

**World Round-up: Spain**
**UFO Lands at Air Force Base**

The following item taken from the national daily newspaper *The Guardian* of January 9, 1975, was datelined "Madrid, January 8," —

"For the first time senior officers of Spain's military air force have taken up the case of UFO with the grim seriousness which they usually apply to politics.

"On the night of January 2, an unidentified flying object reportedly landed on an air force bombing and gunnery range at Las Bardenas Reales, near Zaragoza, where the United States have a lease on a joint Spanish-American base.

"The Spanish military authorities of the Third Air Force Region, after consultation with the Air Ministry in Madrid, have appointed an investigating judge to inquire into the incident.

"These reports were confirmed by members of the US Air Force. Numerous more sensational but contradictory stories have been furnished by local inhabitants."

Our thanks to Robert Chapman for drawing our attention to this item, also to Mrs. Anne Dooley.

**Spain: More Explanatory Moonshine**

The following item appeared in the *Yorkshire Post* of January 10, 1975, under the heading "Thing from Space just moonshine."—

"Prospective holidaymakers to Spain can breathe easily again — there is no risk of meeting beings from outer space on the beaches.

"An unidentified flying object was said to have landed on the night of January 2 at an Air Force bombing and gunnery range near Zaragoza, a joint Spanish-American base leased by the US.

"Although reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are not uncommon in Spain, this one was taken sufficiently seriously for the Spanish military authorities and the Air Ministry in Madrid to appoint an investigating judge to inquire into the incident.

"All was explained. According to the Spanish news agency in London, yesterday, the two soldiers who reported the UFO landing had 'experienced an optical illusion' because of the effects of moonlight and cloud."

Credit: **Valerie M. Parkinson** of Bradford, and others.

# UFO LANDS ON SPANISH AIR FORCE TARGET RANGE

**WHAT'S MORE, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ADMITTED IT.**

*Gordon Creighton*

[B] EXTRACT FROM FSR 24/5 (published March 1979).

Like other countries, Spain has allocated certain wild land and deserted parts of the country for use as military target ranges where live ammunition can be used. The Spanish Air Force has two such polygons. One near Teruel (due east of Madrid), and the other in a particularly desolate tract of territory to the north of the province of Navarre and lying on the left (northern) bank of the river Ebro. This tract is known as las Bardenas Reales (42° 10N 01° 25W), and is several kilometres in extent. According to articles in the Spanish press, it is used for live target practice by not only the Spanish Air Force but also the United States Air Force (by virtue of the Hispano-American Agreement on Co-operation).

On January 5, 1975, the following brief but interesting Logos agency report from its correspondent at Zaragoza, datelined January 4, appeared in the Madrid newspaper *ABC* under the following headlines: *Unidentified Flying Object Over Military Zone of Las Bardenas Reales.*
and, below that: *Senior Officers from the Base come to Zaragoza to Report to Air Force Zone Authorities.*

"At about 11.00 p.m. last night, an unidentified flying object landed on the firing range. A few minutes later the device took off and vanished in the skies.

"Several of the senior military officers at the Las Bardenas Base have arrived in Zaragoza this morning to report to the Headquarters of this Air Force Zone concerning the incident.

"There was an Air Force accident at the Base in 1972. The aircraft plunged to the ground at high speed, but the two crew members were both able to escape by parachute. It was said at the time of that accident that, as the plane was falling, a strange luminous object was observed in the sky overhead.

"The affair gave rise to much talk and discussion in the surrounding districts of Las Bardenas and Las Cinco Villas."

If this report had not let a few cats out of the bag, at any rate it had permitted a small pink nose to appear, and nobody should be suprised therefore, when the same newspaper, *ABC*, of four days later, January 9, 1975, carried a Cifra release with the following neat explanation by the Spanish Air Force under the headline; *It was due to Optical Effects caused by the Moon's Halo.*

The text of the release is as follows: "The Press Office of the Third Air Force Zone states that, after all necessary investigations have been made, no proof has been found to suggest that unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have flown low over, or have landed on the firing-range at Las Bardenas Reales (Province of Navarra).

"The present official notice arises out of the supposed landing of a UFO at Las Bardenas Reales on the 3rd instant, which matter has been made the subject of talk and comments gathered by the news media from the region of Las Cinco Villas and the Navarrese bank of the river.

"According to the reports, certain eyewitnesses of the occurrence were said to have seen the object emit vivid flashes and then take off again and vanish shortly after it had landed."

On that very same morning however, January 9, 1975, another Madrid newspaper carried a rather different Cifra agency report about the matter, which I also reproduce in full; the headlines were:
*Military authorities nominate special Judge.*
*Did a spy-UFO land on the firing-range at Las Bardenas Reales?*

"The military authorities of the Air Force Zone III have appointed a judge to preside over the enquiry in connection with the unidentified flying object which is said to have landed early in the morning of January 2 on the Air Force's firing-range at Las Bardenas Reales and regarding which there are conflicting accounts.

"The report of his findings will be conveyed to the Air Ministry who, if they deem it fitting, will issue a statement about it.

"On contacting the town-hall authorities in Arguedas (Province of Navarra), a town that is near the firing-range, *Informaciones* were assured that they have received no report of any local resident having seen the UFO. Pursuing our inquiry further, we finally managed to speak to the person who did see the unidentified flying object. He is Lt. Campos, an officer stationed at the firing range. He has refused to furnish any kind of information regarding the strange occurrence, because the case is at present in the hands of the authorities and *sub-judice*...

"The appearance of an unidentified flying object over the range may be related to one of the numerous exercises against electronic devices which the Air Force carries out periodically. Should such be the case in this instance (and the appointment, for the first time ever, of a special judge in this fashion would seem to indicate that it *is* the case) then the military secrecy in which these excercises are swathed will probably preclude the issue of any public statement on the matter. Nevertheless the possibility should not be ruled out that it may indeed have been a true UFO, an unidentified flying object. The UFOs started appearing around 1947 in our own era, although it is affirmed that they have existed for more than 5,000 years. In Spain, according to recently compiled statistics, there have been one hundred UFO landings between 1925 and 1970. In the Province of Navarre alone there has been one UFO landing (in 1969.)

"According to those who investigate these UFOs, we are at present in the sixth phase of their activity here. This phase, which began in 1954 , is directed at objectives that are emphatically military; the fourth and fifth phases were devoted to ecological, biological, and geographical exploration.

"On the other hand, this is not the first time that a UFO has landed in a Spanish Military enclave: five years ago another UFO was observed on the military airfield at Reus."

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

So far as I can judge from the material at present available to me no official statement was in fact put out by the Spanish Air Force about the Las Bardenas case. In his article[1] on another landing (at Burgos) which Sr Pere Redon, Deputy-Director of the Spanish Centre for Interplanetary Studies, published in their journal *Stendek* (No. 19, March 1975) he complained of the excessive secrecy of the Spanish Air Force in UFO matters (which he compared unfavourably with what he considered to be the more open policy of the Spanish Army). Where the Air Force were concerned, he said that "... it was all secrecy and denials, with attempts being made to nullify, by means of a smoke-screen, all knowledge of what had really happened. From the outset, this policy has put us in mind of the various denials issued in recent years by the U.S. Air Force. It is because of this different approach by the Spanish Army and the Spanish Air Force that we are unable — at least for the time being — to publish a study of the case which occured at Las Bardenas during the night of January 2, 1975."

We have seen an example of the "smoke-screen", namely the statement (quoted above) which the Press Office of the Third Air Force Zone put out on January 9, explaining the UFO story as "due to the optical effects caused by the Moon's halo".

One has to give them credit. As the years have rolled by it must have become harder and harder to hit upon a fresh explanation for UFOs, and so far as I know this is the first case in which the Moon's halo has been branded as responsible for a landing on the surface of our Planet.

The next development in the Las Bardenas story (at least so far as I can ascertain) came early last year,* when on January 8, 1977, the Spanish magazine *Personas*[2] (no. 166) dropped a bombshell in the form of a long cover story by news reporter J.J. Benítez, in which he claimed that on October 20, 1976, he had interviewed a highly placed official of the Madrid government, who had confirmed to him that the Spanish Government knew that UFOs exist and (like everyone else) had been quietly studying them for many years. This official allegedly handed to him 78 folio pages containing résumés of twelve of the most spectacular UFO cases in the government's files.

The title of J.J. Benítez's article is: *UFOs over Spain: There are official proofs. Documents from our Government recognize twelve cases of "Unidentified Flying Objects".*

Owing to its length, I will merely extract and quote here that portion of it which refers to Las Bardenas, for Las Bardenas, after all the talk about the halo of the Moon, turns out as we now see, to be one of the best UFO cases that the Spanish Government has on its books!

It seems that on the night of January 2, 1975, some Air Force privates, a sergeant, and two poachers, were in the Arguedas-Tudela area, within the limits of the firing range, and that they can say not merely one UFO but *several* landed in the target-zone.

According to the sergeant's statement, he was on duty that night, and at 11.00 p.m. received a telephone call from the operator in charge of the telephone network, to the effect that the surveillance towers had reported that lights had been seen moving about on the terrain of the firing range. He took a pair of binoculars and got up on to a hillock, from where he was able to observe an object "... shaped like an inverted cup", with white lights on the upper and lower parts and intermittent white and amber lights on its sides. He was unable to give an exact estimate

of its size, but thought that it might have been of the approximate size of a truck. The UFO remained on the firing range for about half an hour, and took off and departed at 11.25 p.m.

The weather conditions that night were fine and clear, there were no clouds, and the outlines of the nearby mountain ranges stood out sharply. The sergeant detected no sound from the UFO. When the object took off, he said its course was at first northwards, but then when it reached a point level with the second surveillance tower it began to climb steeply and veered off to the north-east and was quickly lost to sight.

While the UFO was in flight above the firing-range a powerful light on its underside was directed downwards and lit up the whole area around about.

The accounts given by the other enlisted men (who were on duty on the look-out towers) bore out the statement of the sergeant. The best view of the UFO was secured by those on the main tower as it climbed past them.

**Notes and References**

1. For a translation of this Article, see *The Landing Near Burgos*, in FSR Vol. 23, No. 2.
2. We are indebebted to Sr. Russel Guérard y Holmes for the full text of this article.

* [*Mr. Creighton wrote his article in 1978* — ED]

# THE LANDING NEAR BURGOS

*Pere Redon*

[C] EXTRACT FROM FSR 23/2 (published August 1977).

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EARLY in January 1975 there were two UFO happenings in the northern part of Spain. They had features in common, but what is striking is the diametrically different fashions in which they were handled by the branches of the Spanish Armed Forces which were concerned with them.

For it is a strange fact that in both cases the eyewitnesses were people connected with the Forces, in the one case with the Spanish Army, and in the other case with the Air Force. The treatment given was radically different. The Army showed themselves to be totally frank and open, permitting the eyewitnesses to supply information to the news media, while with the Air Force, in the other case, it was all secrecy and denials, with attempts being made to nullify, by means of a smoke-screen, all knowledge of what had really happened. From the outset, this policy put us in mind of the various denials issued in recent years by the U.S. Air Force.

It is because of this different approach by the Spanish Army and Air Force that we are unable, at least for the time being, to publish a study of the second case, which occured at Las Bardenas during the night of January 2, 1975.

We will therefore confine ourselves here to the first case, which was in the early hours of January 1, 1975, at Quintanaortuño, in the Province of Burgos. As stated above, we received nothing but help from the authorities in this case, and indeed we even have on our files a letter from Major Francisco Llorente in which he offers to pass on our sighting report questionnaires to the four soldiers who were involved in the affair. Apart from that, we know for a fact that these soldiers, who belong to the Military Engineering Academy at Burgos, were given official support, which means to say that at no time was any attempt made to cover up what had happened.

### Details of the case

Three of the soldiers, Manolo Aguera, Felipe Sánchez, and Ricardo Iglesias, had been to their homes in the Province of Santander for a brief Christmas leave, and a little before 4.00 a.m. on January 1 they started out for Burgos, where they were to enter the Military Engineering Academy. The party had arranged to meet in the *Lotus* discotheque at Torrelavega, where Manolo is the bar attendant. (Those anxious to minimize the importance of this sighting did not of course fail to take, as the principal plank in their argument, the suggestion that the soldiers must have been tippling copiously just before they set out on their journey. According to the soldiers' own statements, however, Ricardo had had only one brandy, Felipe had had a little champagne, while Manolo, who was going to be the driver on the 126-kilometer run to Burgos, had drunk one coca-cola. Naturally we have only their word for this, nevertheless all the indications are that they were entirely sober, since they are hardly likely to have wanted to turn up in any other state for their daily duties at the Engineering Academy.)

### A vivid point of light in the sky

They were travelling in a Morris *Mini* (850 c.c.) owned by Manolo. Ricardo was in front beside him, and Felipe sat behind.

Forty minutes later, at the spot where National Highway No. 623 intersects with the road leading to Ontoneda, they stopped, by prior arrangement, to pick up a fourth man, José Laso, also of the Engineering Academy. Then the party continued on their way to Burgos City.

When they were about 15 km. past the Puerto del Escudo they stopped for a while to stretch their legs, and it was then that Manolo noticed a "star" which seemed to be shining a bit more brightly than the rest, and he mentioned it to his companions though without paying further heed to it. Later he would recall, however, that this star had seemed to him to be very low, and very near, and that its flashes as it twinkled were pinkish and bluish.

Starting up again, they drove on. Everything was running normally. But at 6.25 a.m. Manolo was astonished to see a luminous object move in a parabolic course across the sky and descend towards the ground

at high speed. He shouted to the others and applied his brakes. All four of them sat there looking towards where the thing had fallen – an area now lit up by a powerful glow which they described as comparable to the floodlights at a football field.

The spot where they had pulled up was right beside the 252 kilometre marker on the Santander-Burgos road. (This reference point was to be helpful to them later in compiling their account of what happened.)

Beyond the highway, to their left, and fairly near its junction with the country road leading to Villarcayo, stood a luminous body, shaped like a truncated cone (see Fig. 1). Making a rapid calculation, they decided that it was probably about two metres high (Manolo says he thinks it could have held a standing man), and about three metres wide. The weird object was irradiating a yellowish glow, turning almost to white in the lower part and terminating in luminous jets shooting downwards to the ground. The object was stationary, but had not touched down.

Suddenly the glow was extinguished and all was momentarily dark. Then, almost immediately, four other absolutely identical objects, apparently ranged in a line, with short distances between them, also lit up.

Opinions were divided as to what to do, but in the end they all got back into the car and drove on, but stopped again when they had driven 50 metres or so. They now perceived that another car was travelling along the rural road leading to Villarcayo, and was nearer to the four luminous bodies than they were. And, about 800 metres or so behind them, there was a third vehicle, stationary. So bright was the glow illuminating the whole countryside around about that none of the handful of motorists in the vicinity could have failed to notice it.

The four soldiers have never attempted to hide the fact that they were thoroughly scared by the sight, which must have been impressive, at 6.25 a.m. in such a lonely spot. Nevertheless, Felipe Sánchez felt that they ought to make some sort of effort at an investigation, so, after driving on again, they stopped once more, and sat there in the car, looking out at the spectacle. Then, when they decided to move on, they continued to drive slowly, still observing the four "truncated cones", until they reached Quintanaortuño, about one kilometre further up the road.

Here they stopped again. Now only two of the truncated cones were to be seen, brightly and clearly defined against the dark background. The party sat there for three more minutes or so, watching the sight. They then started up again, anxious to reach the Academy before their leave passes expired at Reveille.

(As January 1 was a holiday in the calendar, Reveille would be an hour later than usual, that is to say 8.00 a.m.) Had the soldiers remembered this at the time, they would not have been in such a hurry to get back to barracks, and maybe they would have been able to observe the departure of the objects and to note further valuable details.

They estimate the total duration of their observation at about ten minutes. One can imagine that, had they stayed there half an hour longer, they might have seen a lot more.

### The investigation

As is logically to be expected in such cases, the soldiers decided to say nothing about it at the Engineering Academy for fear of being ridiculed. But Manolo, who was quite disturbed by what he had seen, finally told one of his friends about it, and this friend told an officer, and the officer then reported the matter to Major Francisco Llorente, Adjutant to the Colonel in command of the Engineering Academy. The latter was interested, and asked Manolo to tell him about it, and then made arrangements for all four men to give an account to a senior officer.

In the evening, the Colonel went with the four men to the scene of the sighting. (Fig. 2) They halted at the kilometre – 252 marker, where the soldiers had made their first stop that morning, and from there they attempted to 'reconstruct' the sighting and determine the precise position of the luminous cones. The site, a somewhat wettish spot in an uncultivated field, had grass which seemed to be rather dry. Behind a row of bushes they discovered a scorched area about 40 metres long and about 4 metres wide. It must be emphasised that, apart from this one area, there was no other burnt area anywhere in the vicinity. The local villagers said that the last time they had burned stubble was in October 1974, in other words, three months previously, and that this related to the whole district round about.

The appearance of the large burned patch indicated that the burning had been very recent, thus offering good corroboration for the view that there was a direct link with the phenomenon seen by the four soldiers in the early hours of that same day.

### Comments

What we have here is a landing case (Type I according to Jacques Vallée's classification) with several witnesses, though only four of them have decided to relate their experiences. In our opinion the four young soldiers, who would have nothing to gain by making up a story, have told the truth. It is regrettable that the other potential witnesses (in the other cars in the area) have not decided to come forward and inform the media, because maybe they might have been in a position to perceive certain aspects of the phenomenon that were not seen by the four soldiers. It is highly probable that, observing from various angles and over a longer period of time it would have been possible to furnish further details of the greatest importance for investigators. Nevertheless we fully appreciate that these other witnesses may have preferred to avoid involvement for fear of ridicule.

There is little more that we can add to what the soldiers have said. The objects seen were seemingly very sharply defined and very luminous and stationary quite near to the ground. The "jets" of light emanating from the under-parts of the objects and directed towards the ground may possibly have been the "mechanism" by which the objects were held in suspension. The burned area would have been closely linked to the "jets" of light, which in all probability would be the direct cause of the burning.

We are still hoping to secure more concrete information about what actually happened in this case, and we are sending Major Llorente some of our sighting forms, along with a number of questions. Perhaps we shall in due course learn of important details, for example whether any other kind of marks have been found at the site or whether any other sort of remains have been discovered in the district. Should such further details come to light, we shall publish them too.

### Postscript

After this article had already gone to the printer, we received further reports on the case. Our good friend and collaborator, Sr. Malo Martínez, residing at Padrones de Bureba (Burgos Province), took certain

action on his own initiative and then followed it up later along lines indicated to him by us.

Sr. Martínez went to Quintanaortuño to try to find fresh witnesses. He also paid a visit to Burgos to interview the soldiers and secure further details from them. On this latter point, however, he was unsuccessful, for he was refused permission to interview them, on the ground that "there had already been too much discussion of the subject" and it had already been given sufficient coverage in the magazine *Actualidad Española**.

In the region where the affair had happened, Sr. Martínez was only able to interview a few people, because the matter had remained totally unknown to almost all the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages, indeed so much was this the case that he found it quite difficult to find anyone who could take him to the landing site. Finally, however, he managed to get the 60-year-old Feliciano Porras, a farm worker living in the Villaverde-Peñahonda area, to go there with him. In view of their interest, we give here some of the views and statements of Feliciano Porras, who knows the whole region thoroughly:—

*"The pasture where the UFO landed lies between Quintanaortuño and Villaverde/Peñahonda and is what we call consumo, that is to say a field used as common land by both villages for grazing their cattle.*

*"I know even the very stones at the place and I can tell by looking at them whether the burning dates from last October or is more recent. In fact these burn marks are not from October, but later, and indeed very recent."*

When they began to compare the actual terrain with the photographs published in *Actualidad*, they noted that there was a considerable discrepancy as to the burnt area, and they tried to find the explanation for this.* Sr. Feliciano Porras gave his own explanation, maintaining that the disappearance of a considerable portion of the burnt patch was simply due to the fact that only the ends of the blades of grass had been scorched, without the whole of the plant being affected, and that consequently the grass had gone on growing, with the result that part of the burn had already vanished. Nevertheless numerous burnt "hollow" spots still remained. These, to be precise, were not exactly hollows, but patches where the burning of the grass had extended down to the stems.

Sr. Malo Martínez measured the area outlined by these burn "hollows" and found it to be 60 × 12 metres. Then came a strip 15 metres wide on which there were no burn marks, after which there came a second zone of 30 × 12 metres where the burn marks appeared again. They found no trace of burning anywhere else in the whole vicinity.

The distance from this burnt area to the Santander road on which the witnesses had been travelling is 213 metres. The Villarcayo road, taken by the second lot of witnesses (to whom we shall refer later) is about 500 metres.

Sr. Malo Martínez took soil and grass samples at the site. These will be examined in a specialized laboratory.

As a result of various contacts made by Sr. Malo Martínez, we are now informed that four other people, who were in the car travelling along the road to Villarcayo, did see a tremendous glow over in the direction of the site where the burns have been found.

The four people in this other car were Don José Rivas Riaño, an official of the Secret Police, and three companions. At the time, Sr. Rivas Riaño was doing his military service in Burgos. He and his party saw a huge glow, of a colour between white and pink, behind a hillock (see sketch map Fig. 2), but they carried on with their journey without paying too much heed to it, as their first thought was that it was simply the beginning of the dawn. However, talking it over they soon came to the conclusion that it could not be dawn, since it was still far too early for that, and moreover the glow lay towards the West and not the East.

Reverting to the burnt "hollows" in the field we would add that these were distributed without any kind of order; They were two larger ones, 60 × 31 cm. and 1m × 31 cm. respectively. The rest were fairly regular, measuring from 21 × 21 cm to 17 × 30 cm.

Having put these further details on record, it only remains to us to await the verdict of the laboratory on the samples sent to them.**

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* Maybe Sr Redon's enthusiasm about the greater degree of co-operativeness by the Spanish Army was not entirely justified!

** Needless to say that FSR never heard any more about the Burgos case, or about the results of the tests on the soil samples.


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# THE IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN ECHOES DETECTED BY RADAR

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***(Translation from Spanish)***

LIKE most countries, Spain possesses an Alert & Control Network composed of a series of military radar stations, from which surveillance and control are exercised over the Spanish national air-space and adjacent zones of strategic interest.

The principal task of this radar network is to follow and identify all aircraft moving through the air-space under its control, with a view to preventing penetration by aircraft of unknown or of hostile character. In order to execute this complex task, the air defence system which controls the radar stations is linked to the civilian air traffic control centres, by means of which it has direct access to the flight-plans of all the aircraft that have to pass over the Peninsula.

When a moving echo (called a *trace – traza–*) of an unknown nature appears on a military radar screen, steps are instantly taken to identify it by means of various systems,[1] namely:-

*Electronic*:
Using communication by land-air radio, or by the IFF/SIF system (automatic system for identification of friendly/hostile craft.)

*Correlation of Flight-Plans*:
By comparing the route followed, the altitude, speed, position, and time of detection of the trace, with the data given in the flight-plans of aircraft previously submitted.

*Source and Behaviour of the Trace*:
Traces originating from within the Spanish national territory are considered to be friendly, as are such traces which, by their course, speed, and altitude, suggest no suspicion of threat. To be suspected are the traces that appear suddenly, or that overfly or approach vital zones of the national territory at low altitude and high speed. To be watched particularly are traces emanating from regions of potential conflict.

*Visual*: By the crew of an interceptor – aircraft that is alerted and takes off and that, on sighting the cause of the trace, proceeds to identify it. This is the most costly but also the most reliable system, though it should only be employed in extreme cases.

In a case where a trace or an unknown echo cannot be identified by the normal means, it becomes necessary to alert and dispatch (i.e. "scramble") a fighter aircraft as already stated. In such a situation, the fighter leaves immediately, from the nearest Air Force base to the scene of the incident, with the mission of intercepting and visually identifying the craft that has penetrated into the air-space of interest to Spain. The actions of this type are called "*Missions of Active Air Defence*" (DAA Missions), and we can mention that between September 12, 1977, and May 31, 1983, a total of 285 such missions by fighters of the Spanish Air Force took place,[2] which gives us an average of four such missions per month over the period in question. These official figures refute the statement made by another military source which said: "The number of alert missions carried out is very small; statistically it is two or three in every six months".[3]

Generally the causes for these alert missions are commercial aircraft that are not following correctly their established flight-plan; helicopters; sonde balloons; and even military reconnaissance and espionage aircraft from countries near to Spain. *In other cases, the scrambles have been due to UFOs which, after being intercepted and pursued by the Spanish fighter craft, vanish from Spanish air-space without the fighters getting anywhere near them.*

The percentage of the active air defence missions that relates to each of the other possible causes set forth above is unknown, inasmuch as "*any alarm take-off of aircraft is classified, regardless of the nature of the trace*",[4] for which reason the Air Force is unable to furnish information in that respect.

On other occasions, despite the capture of traces of unknown craft by the radars, the Military Authorities do not order the dispatch of fighter aircraft on alert. It seems that this passive attitude arises from two reasons: a) that they have no interest in verifying the identity or nature of the aircraft in question inasmuch as by the features of its flight it represents no danger to the national security, or, b) that, if the aircraft that has been detected seems by its features to be *an espionage craft* from another country, then by not intercepting it they are furnishing it with no concrete data regarding the scope of the real air-cover provided by the Spanish radar stations or regarding the methods of defensive reaction adopted by the Spanish Air Force.

The author of the present article possesses in his archives details of some fifty air defence missions, representing a tiny number in comparison with the total of those that have occurred, but at any rate they are very representative cases. Approximately one-half of the incidents gathered by the author relate to missions of aircraft dispatched to chase UFOs, the rest being cases where objects identified turned out to be sonde balloons, commercial or military aircraft, foreign experimental missiles or rockets, along with other kind of conventional aerial devices.

Among the documentation that I have on file there are the following: attempted interceptions of sonde balloons over central Spain in 1967 and 1968; exceptional chases of UFOs in April 1977, March and November 1979, May and September 1980, and January 1981; together with other interesting cases in 1971, 1974 1976, 1983, and 1984. Also interceptions in 1984 and 1985 of military spy planes from Lybia and Algeria that were flying over regions very near to Spanish territory.

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# UFO PULLS PLUG ON COP RADIOS

Bafffled cops filed a UFO report after a mystery object had buzzed a beauty spot and left their police car radios dead.

Officers had gone to investigate a green and white glow, after Air Traffic Controllers were unable to explain a "static blob" on their radar.

The officers watched the UFO hovering over the Mow Cop beauty spot, near Kidsgrove, Staffordshire.

Last night Chief Supt. Peter Grocott admitted:

"We don't know if it was atmospherics, or somebody from Mars!"

The Civil Aviation Authority blames it on "odd weather conditions".

*(Credit and thanks to FSR reader MacEwen, of Ealing.)*

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# MAIL BAG

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### Circles in the Courgette Fields . . .

Dear Sir, — At 6.00 p.m. on July 12, 1989, Central News South (ITV) carried the following piece of news which will be of interest to you:–

> Robert Edwards, a farmer of Bricklehampton, near Evesham, awoke to discover that a perfect, huge, circle had appeared in one of his fields — not a field of corn, *but of courgettes.* He could offer no explanation for this, but told the reporter that strange things had already been going on before he discovered the ring. His doorbell had rung mysteriously, and the lights of an electric wheelchair, which was locked away in an adjacent garage, had been found switched on, on several occasions.

Yours sincerely,
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— All quite typical of Jinns and Poltergeists. — EDITOR

### The "Cornfield Circles" explained?

Dear Editor, — With reference to FSR 34/3 (article on the rings in the cornfields), I would point out that, when the people from the Flying Saucers entered my abode, they used neither doors nor windows, but just walked through what we think of as solid objects.

This being the case, one would think their craft, when entering their underground bases on Earth, might possibly leave *marks at the spot* as a result of the force necessary to take them down through the Earth to the caverns which they have used for thousands of years past. (Is it a fact that a chalk* sub-structure seems to be favoured?)

As for Silbury Hill in Wiltshire, it is an interesting and enchanting area — indeed there is a "fey feeling" about all that part of England!

(I am a 68-year-old pensioner and war veteran (World War II — Assam and Burma.)

Yours faithfully,
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January 1990.

* I understand that the belt of chalk running right across the part of England where almost all of our cornfield rings have been appearing is between at least 400 and 600 ft. deep. Naturally, and for some years past, people have been writing to FSR along similar lines, and asking whether there might not be *"underground alien bases"* in the chalk? To which our only comment has to be that we have never encountered any evidence either way about such hypothetical matters, but certainly the theory of such bases is very plausible. (My own *personal* guess would be that such alien bases could well exist underneath Britain without our knowing anything whatsoever about it, and that they *do,* in fact, most probably exist.) — EDITOR

### Claims of Frank Barnes Demolished

Dear Editor, — I have been reviewing cases of alleged UFO sightings linked to the formation of Cornfield Circles.

One case, which stands out like a sore thumb, is that of Mr Frank Barnes of Winchester (described in FSR 32/6, published November 1987) who said he saw a large metallic "spacecraft" UFO with portholes moving low over the "punchbowl" at Cheesefoot Head in about 1980 (he was unsure of the year). It allegedly emitted a low humming noise and left behind it a Corn Circle. He claimed that two vehicles in the car park suffered engine failure, that several other untraced people saw the event, and that the UFO then rose up and shot off towards Alresford "at tremendous speed". Naturally curious, I went to interview Mr Barnes some months after reading that report. I am sorry to have to say that, *had he been a witness in court, I would have rated his credibility as close to zero.** Not only were there several contradictions in his account (including the fact that it is impossible to see into the "punchbowl" from the car park where he says he was standing) but one got the impression that he lives in a bit of a dreamworld. Clearly, every UFO report must always be assessed on its own merit.

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* Supporters of the "UFO/Circles theory" assure me that, with the evidence piling up, they certainly "have no need" for Mr Barnes! — EDITOR

### "The Double Deception": Eduard Meier, the "Pleiadians", etc.

Dear Mr Creighton, — If the theory of "DOUBLE DECEPTION" is correct, then Robert Perry Collins is himself contributing to it with his article in FSR 34/2.

Not having known George Adamski, I cannot comment on *his* experiences. *But I believe I know the Eduard Meier case better than anyone else, having acted as translator for all the American investigators in that case, from Colonel Stevens to Gary Kinder.*

Nobody has ever commented on the *problem of language** confronted by UFO investigators. I believe much is lost in translation, and much material not even looked into. Who has ever read all 2,000 pages of the MEIER SEMJASE REPORT; (In the original German language!)

I have read every page of it, and I admit that it has influenced me and my opinion of this case a lot.

*And in my opinion Meier is a hoaxer rather than being deceived by whatever mysterious forces — even though Collins is not the only one with this latter view.*

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* FSR readers may rest assured that nobody knows all this better than their poor Editor, who regularly translates for this journal, and at sight, straight off the paper, from ten major languages.

As for the Billy Meier Saga, I take this opportunity to state that, around

1974/75, both Fräulein Zinnstag of Switzerland (Karl Jung's cousin) and Frau Ilse von Jacobi of Germany sent me copious and beautiful sets of Billy Meier's colour photos of "UFOs" snapped by him. *The Times* newspaper had assured us, years before, that Mr Percy Hennell FIBP was recognized as one of the top experts in Britain on all aspects of photography, and Percy had kindly agreed to become FSR's Photographic Consultant as far back as the spring of 1968. He lived in a huge old manor house quite near to me, and had his stables and outbuildings rigged up and expensively fitted out as a laboratory, so that he could do all his work on the premises. I took the Meier pictures to him and he had a good laugh over them and said they were just about the choicest lot of fakes he had ever seen. (That is why you will find no rave notices in FSR of the 1970s on the marvels of the *"Pleiadians".)* Not long before his death, in August 1986, Jim Lorenzen wrote me an urgent letter asking whether we knew anything about the Meier photos, and what we thought about them? He had, it seems, already compromised himself by saying that he thought they looked genuine. Apparently his request to me, and my reply were too late to prevent publication of his endorsement of the Meier marvels.

Today, sadly, we are bereft of the wisdom and experience of Jim Lorenzen and Percy Hennell, both of whom have departed to other regions of Being. (For some curious reason we are consequently expected to describe them as *"the late . . ."*) — G.C.

### Why don't the "ETs" save us from our destructive selves?

Dear Sir, — One of the main arguments claiming the "ETs'" indifference or even malevolence towards humans (ref. Budd Hopkins' article *"What They Are Doing To Us"*, in FSR 33/2) lies in the question: *"Why — given their super-technology — aren't they saving us from the infernal mess we've produced on our planet?"*

No doubt this thought of "evolved super-beings coming from Space to establish some order in the chaos we've created" is most attractive.

However, the Cosmos — so far as we can deduce from daily life — does not function in that way. Two of the cardinal Cosmic Laws are the Law of Free Will and its derivative, the Law of Responsibility. Persons (i.e. individual souls) as well as whole planetary cultures are free to establish and lead their own life-styles according to their free choice, the price (or bonus) being that they are to assume *responsibility* for the respective results of that choice. There seems to be no way of avoiding this bilateral Cosmic Law.

Thus, the Cosmos hardly ever allows a situation where people, organizations, nations, or cultures, (or entire planets, for that matter) can profitably and irresponsibly break the Laws of Creation and still conveniently "get away with it". Sooner or later the price of corruption, evil, and moral deterioration must be paid, and often painfully.

Therefore, it seems that peoples' expectations that the "ETs" should save us from paying this inevitable price spring from a somewhat childish, embryonic primeval — even pagan — mentality. A mentality based on the notion that the negative feedback for moral degradation can be avoided because eventually a sort of saviour will appear who will absorb the blow and take the suffering instead, with the result that one can hope to get away from one's misdeeds — be it on the global or on the personal scale.

Well — life doesn't seem to work that way at all. Such an "arrangement" would be too convenient, too easy, and too useless. If people *(i.e. souls)* do not learn what is to be learned from the negative results of their misdeeds so as to avoid further Evil in future, then what moral and educational purpose is there to human suffering?

Therefore: the key concept in this issue is RESPONSIBILITY. In this context, our longing for the "ETs" to save us proves, in fact, the total denial of *our own responsibility* for the criminal way in which our planet is run.

Moreover our own World Leaders — Heads of States and heads of giant economic and financial organizations, who control the world's wealth and the lives of billions of people — are *totally indifferent* to human suffering, or else they would have run the world on a totally different basis from that of personal material gain.

*So, on what moral ground can we expect salvation from the "ETs"?*

And yet as a matter of fact the "ETs" *did* and *do* offer us non-stop assistance! Through their innumerable messages to individuals and groups during the last decades they have bestowed on us a tremendous amount of information as to the lethal way in which we run our planet; as to our poor spiritual and moral standards which need so much to be improved; as to the criminal handling of our ecology, etc., etc. And what have we done with all this information? Nothing at all!

To say that these truths are merely cultural platitudes does not shatter their tragic validity as *facts.* Classifying these messages as "banalities" does not absolve us from coping with them. Because our reality is composed of these "banalities".

Instead of studying open-mindedly and beneficially all this *ocean* of knowledge and information that they have delivered to us, we developed a tiresome mass of so-called "reliable tools" for "examining" the "phenomena". We have developed and set up "UFO research centres" which prefer so-called "HARD DATA" (meaning physical and tangible "proof"); we arrange symposiums, conferences, where people read learned papers. We publish books, and innumerable bulletins. We maintain Research Groups, Metallurgic Test Labs, photographic detectors, etc., etc. All this we do, while avoiding the one central issue: *where does OUR responsibility lie for the diabolic mess in which our planet is? And how are we going to start coping with this responsibility?*

It seems that we had better take a good, deep, and painful look inside ourselves before we have the moral right even to expect the "ETs" to play the role of Saviours for us.

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ISRAEL.
September 30, 1988.

I am publishing this letter because it is typical of a great deal that I receive. The only possible comment that I can make is this: while I find it impossible to find fault with all the admirable philosophical and ethical considerations adduced, I can only say that there are overwhelming discrepancies in the mass of alleged "messages" received, and that so far there is not one shred of evidence that any of those messages come from "Extraterrestrials" or from beings of higher status than man. As for the actual *conduct* of the numerous creatures that humans claim to have encountered (and may well have encountered) I see precious little evidence so far of benevolent purpose or posture. Massive and clandestine nocturnal abductions of humans, and sexual-genetic tinkering don't exactly coincide with my idea of anything from a "high" or "noble" source. In fact in many respects it seems clear that they are even worse than we are — difficult as this may be to believe.

As for the question of "responsibility" for the state of affairs in our world, where can anyone show me any evidence that man is in control of ANYTHING? How then can we be thought *responsible*? Is it not the sad truth that he is not in control of anything — not even of himself — but that he is the plaything and tool of malignant Forces which mercilessly kick us to and fro like footballs and make merry with our sufferings, from which those Forces derive enormous benefit and pleasure. Mankind cannot hope to find its way out of this mess until it begins to wake up, and to realize WHO it is that really runs this Human Farm. (And it can be stated with utter certainty that this "WHO" won't turn out to be who and what man fondly imagines it is!)

Alas, the day when such an awakening could happen seems far distant. Because there is one thing on which the CONTROLLERS are absolutely determined. That is: THAT WE *SHALL NOT* WAKE UP! FOR, WERE WE TO AWAKEN, WE WOULD KNOW WHY WE ARE IN THIS FINE MESS, THIS SCHEISSHAUFEN ABOUT WHICH OUR LADY IN ISRAEL IS SO WORRIED. — EDITOR

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